



City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

- Whereas,** people with intellectual disabilities deserve the fundamental human and civil rights as typically developing individuals; and
- Whereas,** 1969 Special Olympics Colorado held its first event, a successful one-day track and field meet at Aurora Hinkley High School with over 400 athletes that participated in the inaugural event; and
- Whereas,** 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of Special Olympics Colorado providing people of all ages with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to play and compete in sports; and
- Whereas,** through public awareness, the State of Colorado celebrates the 2019 State Summer Games and 50 years of progress by athletes, parents, advocates, educators, law enforcement and volunteers all over the world and here in Colorado; and
- Whereas,** the City of Grand Junction wholeheartedly supports Special Olympics Colorado in celebrating and valuing the lives of all people, with and without disabilities, to train, compete and play together as a “Unified Generation”.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Merrick Taggart, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim June 7th through June 9th as

“Special Olympics Colorado’s Play Unified Days”

in the City of Grand Junction, and encourage citizens to give their support to this unique program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 24th day of May, 2019.



Mayor