



*City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado*

# Proclamation

- Whereas,** the Grand Valley is honored to have the presence of the United States Navy in our community, and
- Whereas,** the State of Colorado is home for more than 5,000 active-duty enlisted Sailors, 1,000 active-duty naval officers, more than 1,000 Navy Reservists, and almost 7,000 active-duty and Reserve retirees, and
- Whereas,** the United States Navy is instrumental in ensuring the safety and security of \$8.3 billion in annual exports from the State of Colorado, and
- Whereas,** the citizens of the Western Slope take great pride in supporting our namesake ship, USS Mesa Verde, and
- Whereas,** the inaugural Western Slope Navy Week hosts special events and programs in the Grand Valley to increase the community's knowledge and understanding of their Navy and its global mission, and
- Whereas,** Western Slope Navy Week includes several public events including free concerts by Navy Band Southwest throughout the Grand Valley, and
- Whereas,** Western Slope Navy Week will culminate with the Blue Angels headlining the Grand Junction Air Show at Grand Junction Regional Airport.

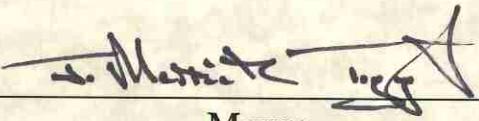
NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Merrick Taggart, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim July 22 - 28, 2019 as

***"United States Navy Week"***

in the City of Grand Junction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2019.



  
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Mayor