



*City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado*

# Proclamation

**Whereas,** the City of Grand Junction is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Grand Junction; and

**Whereas,** fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

**Whereas,** home fires killed 2,630 people in the United States in 2017, and fire departments in the United States responded to 357,000 home fires; and

**Whereas,** the majority of U.S. fire deaths (4 out of 5) occur at home each year; and

**Whereas,** Grand Junction residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

**Whereas,** Grand Junction residents should practice using different ways out; and in a real emergency should get low and go under the smoke to get out quickly, and stay out, never going back inside the home for people, pets, or things; and

**Whereas,** the 2019 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Rick Taggart, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim October 6 - 12, 2019 as

## *"Fire Prevention Week"*

in the City of Grand Junction and urge all citizens to find out how they can support "Fire Prevention Week" and develop a home fire escape plan at [FPW.org](http://FPW.org).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2019.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rick Taggart'.

Mayor