



City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

- Whereas,** December 7, 2019 marks the 78th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor; and
- Whereas,** on December 7, 1941, without warning and minutes before 8:00 a.m., aircraft of the Imperial Japanese Navy and Air Force attacked United States military installations at Pearl Harbor and elsewhere on the Island of Oahu, Hawaii; and
- Whereas,** the bulk of the attack at Pearl Harbor lasted for approximately five hours, during which 2,403 members of the United States Armed Forces were killed or mortally wounded, 1,247 members of the Armed Forces were wounded, and 57 civilians lost their lives; and
- Whereas,** President Franklin Delano Roosevelt declared the day of the attack on Pearl Harbor, “a date which will live in infamy,” and Americans became united in remembrance of their fallen countrymen and committed to defending the United States against all aggressors; and
- Whereas,** the following day, on December 8, 1941, Congress declared war against Japan, and three days later against Germany, thus beginning America’s involvement in a global conflict that would define the 20th Century; and
- Whereas,** more than 320,000 Americans sacrificed their lives to preserve the sacred freedoms of the United States, to cease forever the spread of Nazism through Europe and imperialism by Japan; and
- Whereas,** the Grand Junction Veteran's Health Care System along with the Veteran Service Organizations that partner with us serve 37,000 veterans residing on the Western Slope, and has had the privilege of caring for numerous Pearl Harbor survivors and is committed to honoring the sacrifice of all those who have served the United States to ensure each citizen's freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Merrick Taggart, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby do hereby recognize, on behalf of the Grand Junction City Council and the citizens of Grand Junction, the 78th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and the lasting significance of

“National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day”

in the City of Grand Junction, in memory of the victims and in honor of the survivors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 4th day of December, 2019.

Mayor

