

City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

- Whereas,** crime is a menace to our society. It tears apart lives and causes feelings of fear, anger and helplessness. As caring citizens, we are obligated to do everything in our power to ensure that our communities are not victimized by criminals; and
- Whereas,** the Crime Stoppers of Mesa County program has empowered the citizens of Mesa County to take a stand against crime. This program brings together citizens, law enforcement, the media, businesses, and educational institutions to combat crime and make our communities safer; and
- Whereas,** combining media awareness, cash rewards, and an anonymous tipline for citizens to contact, Crime Stoppers of Mesa County has created an effective method for solving crimes and helping citizens take back control over their neighborhoods; and
- Whereas,** the award-winning, nationally recognized Crime Stoppers of Mesa County has been particularly effective and since 1983 has received 20,300 tips, which have led to 1,795 arrests and the recovery of over 9 million dollars in drugs and property. Anonymous Crime Stopper callers have been rewarded over \$307,000 for their valuable information; and
- Whereas,** Crime Stoppers of Mesa County has forged strong working relationships with all area law enforcement agencies, including: Colorado State Patrol, Fruita Police Department, Grand Junction Police Department, Mesa County Sheriff's Office, Mesa County District Attorney's Office, and the Palisade Police Department; and
- Whereas,** Crime Stoppers of Mesa County is working to increase awareness of community safety issues and crime prevention efforts, while also giving back to our community by offering grants to various organizations, partnership with Colorado Mesa University and scholarships to Law Enforcement graduates.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Merrick Taggart, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the month of January, 2020 as

"National Crime Stoppers Month"

in the City of Grand Junction and call all citizens of Grand Junction to increase their participation in Crime Stoppers of Mesa County in the effort to prevent crime, thereby strengthening the communities in which they live.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 15th day of January, 2020.



Mayor