



City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

- Whereas,** TRiO, a collection of federally funded programs designated to prepare low-income and first-generation students (students from families whose parents do not have a four-year college degree) for college success, was founded in 1964; and
- Whereas,** TRiO refers to the first three programs of this nature that fell under the Higher Education Amendments of 1968, Upward Bound, Talent Search, and a program now known as Student Support Services; and
- Whereas,** the TRiO program, with the help of students, staff, and community members, has grown to eight programs that help students seek higher education; and
- Whereas,** the TRiO programs provide opportunities and access to services that assist students in their academic journey; and
- Whereas,** the TRiO Student Support Services Program at Colorado Mesa University served more than 150 students during the 2018-2019 school year with 87% returning to continue their education; and
- Whereas,** 97% of Colorado Mesa University TRiO students maintain good academic standing; and
- Whereas,** National TRiO Day is a day to celebrate its positive impact on local communities and the nation, to reflect on the importance of education, and a time to act to protect further access to higher education

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Merrick Taggart, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim February 22, 2020 as

“National TRiO Day”

in the City of Grand Junction and urge all the citizens of the City to turn their attention to and increase awareness of the needs of disadvantaged young people and adults aspiring to improve their lives.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 19th day of February 2020.

Mayor