



*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 more than 2,630 people in the United States in 2017, and fire departments in the United States responded to 357,000 home fires; and
- Whereas,** cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States; and
- Whereas,** Grand Junction residents should stay in the kitchen when cooking food on the stovetop, keep a three-foot kid-free zone around cooking areas and keep anything that can catch fire away from stove tops; and
- Whereas,** Grand Junction residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and
- Whereas,** the 2020 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, C.E. Duke Wortmann, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2020 as

## *"Fire Prevention Week"*

in the City of Grand Junction and urge all citizens to check their kitchens for fire hazards, teach children about the three-foot safety zone around the stove, and use safe cooking practices during Fire Prevention Week 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 7th day of October, 2020.



*C.E. Duke Wortmann*  
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Mayor