



*City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado*

# Proclamation

**Whereas,** Grand Junction, CO is a city that welcomes and celebrates people of all races, ethnicities, religions, sexual orientations, genders, economic status and physical and mental circumstances. The City of Grand Junction cherishes our diversity and believes it enhances the quality of life in our community; and

**Whereas,** Grand Junction respects diversity and desires to ensure that the human rights of all citizens are protected and to that end the City implores all citizens to make known that we do not tolerate discrimination in any form and recognize that marginalized individuals experience increased instances of bias, hate speech, bigotry and violence through no fault of their own; and

**Whereas,** the residents of Grand Junction are urged to work together to engage in dialogue and move forward to ensure all Grand Junction residents feel their voices are heard, and to ensure that our community will foster equality, social justice and freedom from fear of persecution based on race, religious belief, country of origin, sexual orientation, gender, income, disability, age or family status; and

**Whereas,** the residents of Grand Junction are urged to expand community outreach, engagement and authentic collaboration that will empower each Grand Junction resident with the ability and desire to help create a society that condemns racism, misogyny, intolerance, discrimination or oppression toward any person.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Grand Junction City Council commits to support, participate in and help expand inclusivity conversations in support of a community that is free of oppression, persecution and hate. **FURTHERMORE,** the City of Grand Junction hereby intends to annually recognize the importance of inclusion of all residents of all beliefs and to consider, respect and value the uniqueness and importance of diversity in our community.

## *“The City of Grand Junction an Inclusive City”*



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

*C.E. Peter Utvaan*

Mayor