



City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

- Whereas,** we are here today to honor and celebrate the exceptional contributions and devoted public service of Mr. Tim Foster; and
- Whereas,** Tim began his public service career in the Colorado House of Representatives where he served four terms (1988 – 1996), two (1993 – 1996) as House Majority Leader; and
- Whereas,** in 1999 Tim was appointed Executive Director of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education by Governor Owens; and
- Whereas,** Tim was supportive of legislation that provided each of the state colleges its own governing board; and
- Whereas,** in 2004 he became President of Mesa State College and in 2011 oversaw its transition to a preeminent university now known as Colorado Mesa University (CMU); and
- Whereas,** since 2004 Tim has continuously served the best interests of CMU students and the community offering more than 100 undergraduate programs of study - at the certificate, associate and bachelor's level - along with graduate programs in business administration, education and health sciences; and
- Whereas,** in 2005 Tim helped CMU further its goal of meeting the diverse educational needs of Western Colorado by bolstering the offerings of Western Colorado Community College with a suite of technical certificates and associate degrees; and
- Whereas,** during Tim's tenure as President, CMU experienced significant transformation, including an increase in enrollment from 5,750 to 9,373 from 2004 – 2019; and
- Whereas,** Tim oversaw increases in the University's graduation rates, retention rates, athletic teams, tripling the operating budget, increasing CMU's fundraising and endowment, and heading large capital construction projects; and
- Whereas,** Tim successfully led CMU through the tumultuous COVID-19 pandemic, instituting plans to keep the university and community safe, while mitigating undue impacts; and
- Whereas,** Tim's leadership, ambition and vision for CMU have led to profound and inestimable cultural influences in Grand Junction and the surrounding communities on the Western Slope, and similarly profound economic impacts which have recently been valued at a total of \$539 million in direct and indirect economic stimulus in Western Colorado; and
- Whereas,** Tim has further demonstrated his commitment to public service by serving on the Board of Governors of the Colorado Bar Association, the Board of Powderhorn Ski Area, the Greater Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce, the El Pomar Foundation Northwest Council and as Chairman of the Grand Junction Economic Partnership.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.B. McDaniel, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim June 30, 2021 as

"Tim Foster Day"

in the City of Grand Junction and urge all citizens to join with us as we extend our sincere appreciation for his distinguished service and incomparable contributions and wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 2nd day of June, 2021.

Mayor

