



City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

- Whereas,** elderly and adults with disabilities are vital members of our families, our society, and our community; and
- Whereas,** these residents are often vulnerable to fraud, abuse, neglect, exploitation and other types of mistreatment as they may not be able to provide their own care and protection; and
- Whereas,** in 2020, Mesa County Adult Protection received over 1500 reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation; and
- Whereas,** abuse of elderly and disabled persons is a tragedy inflicted on a vulnerable segment of the population that crosses all social, economic, racial and ethnic backgrounds; and
- Whereas,** in order to reduce adult abuse and neglect in Mesa County, there are a number of services that provide vital resources to this at-risk population; including a 24-hour hotline, investigation of mistreatment and self-neglect, assessment and mitigation of safety risks, as well as public education and advocacy; and
- Whereas,** Adult Protection caseworkers and community partners utilized technology and creativity to reach survivors of maltreatment during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- Whereas,** the observance of Adult Protection Awareness Month reminds us all of our common responsibility to ensure the health, safety, welfare, dignity, and well-being of all disabled and elderly adults.

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

“Adult Protection Awareness Month”

in the City of Grand Junction and urge all citizens to reach out with compassion and respect to adults with a unique set of circumstances to make a difference in their quality of life.

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.



A blue ink handwritten signature that reads 'C.B. McDaniel'.

Mayor