



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,** cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States and fire departments responded to more than 166,400 annually between 2016 and 2020; and
- Whereas,** two of every five home fires start in the kitchen with 31% of these fires resulting from unattended cooking; and
- Whereas,** more than half of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves; and
- Whereas,** City of Grand Junction first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection, education; and
- Whereas,** The 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme “Cooking Safety Starts with You: Pay Attention to Fire Prevention” effectively reminds us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anna Stout, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim October 8-14 of 2023 as

“Fire Prevention Week”

In the City of Grand Junction and urge all citizens of Grand Junction to check their kitchens for fire hazards and use safe cooking practices during Fire Prevention Week 2023, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the City of Grand Junction’s Fire and Emergency services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 29th day of September 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna Stout", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor

