



City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

Whereas, the City of Grand Junction has recognized El Espino, El Salvador as its official Sister City since September of 2005; and

Whereas, dozens of members of the Grand Valley community have participated in cultural exchange with the citizens of El Espino through cultural immersion trips and spay/neuter brigades with the Foundation for Cultural Exchange; and

Whereas, many Grand Junction residents have played an integral role in the education of deserving youth in El Espino as student sponsors through the Foundation for the Cultural Exchange's scholarship program, contributing to the education of more than 20 university graduates so far; and

Whereas, throughout the previous 19 years, this city through its community partnership has fostered long-term relationships between the people of Grand Junction and El Espino, thereby advancing peace, prosperity, and cultural understanding in both communities; and

Whereas, it is appropriate to recognize all the efforts of the Foundation for Cultural Exchange on this nineteenth anniversary and to express appreciation for the work they and other community members have done.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anna Stout, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2023 as

"Sister City Day"

in the City of Grand Junction and congratulate the Foundation and other community members who have participated in cultural exchanges with the people of El Espino.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 1^h day of November 2023.

Mayor