

City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

Whereas, TRIO, a collection of federally funded programs designated to prepare low-income and first-generation students (students from families whose parents do not have a four-year college degree) for college success, was founded in 1964; and

Whereas, TRIO refers to the first three programs of this nature that fell under the Higher Education Amendments of 1968, Upward Bound, Talent Search, and a program now known as Student Support Services; and

Whereas, the TRIO programs, with the help of students, staff, and community members, has grown to eight programs that help students seek higher education; and

Whereas, the Colorado Mesa University (CMU) TRIO programs, TRIO-SSS STEM, TRIO-SSS Regular and TRIO Upward Bound, provide opportunities and pertinent resources to assist students of all academic journeys; and

Whereas, the Colorado Mesa University TRIO Upward Bound program will better serve the future and current 60 low-income, first-generation students at Grand Junction and Central High Schools by empowering and encouraging them to pursue postsecondary education; and

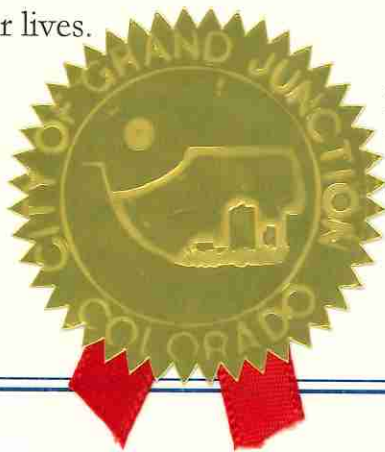
Whereas, these Colorado Mesa University TRIO Student Support Services Programs served more than 270 students in the 2022-2023 academic year; and

Whereas, National TRIO Day is a day to celebrate its positive impact on local communities and the nation, to reflect on the importance of education, and a time to act to protect further access to higher education.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anna Stout, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim February 24, 2024 as

“National TRIO Day”

in the City of Grand Junction and urge all the community members of the City to turn their attention to and increase awareness of the needs of disadvantaged young people and adults aspiring to improve their lives.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 21st day of February 2024.

Mayor