

City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

Whereas, 2024 is the final year of school in the old Grand Junction High School building which opened in 1956. GJHS staff, Student Council & GJHS Booster Club collaborated to host a Farewell Tour on April 6, 2024, of the 1956 Building and all of those Tigers who helped build and continue the great traditions of Grand Junction High School; and

Whereas, the mission of Grand Junction High School is to empower each student with an educational experience fueled by passion, opportunity, and community through the four Academies: Arts & Humanities; Business, Communications & Entrepreneurship; Environmental Science, Technology & Engineering; Health Sciences & Human Services. Students are accepted within their Academy community, engage in rigorous coursework, and participate in career-connected experiences.; and

Whereas, GJHS had its first original class of 4 students and that number has increased to over 1,600 students and is still growing strong, and; the School survived the Great Depression and the famous GJHS "Flood"; and the school holds 26 State Academic Knowledge Bowl Championships, 21 Governor's Cups and 3 National Championships; The Orange and Black news magazine began in the year 1918 and has received countless state and national recognitions. This is the 100th issue of the award-winning Tiger Yearbook and; GJHS is known for its many Athletic State Championships. Our accolades begin in the 30's and continue into each decade thereafter including Wrestling, Cross Country, Football, Baseball, Girls and Boys Basketball, Girls Tennis, Boys Golf, and Boys and Girls Track. GJHS has two of the most recent state titles in the Grand Valley with Wrestling and Baseball as well as several individual titles in Track. The tradition will always be part of our heart and Tiger Pride; and

Whereas, through the decades GJHS has produced world renowned Musicians, Actors, Writers, Artists, Authors, NFL Football Players, and Motivational Speakers, as well as Ministers, School District 51 Administrators, Board of Education members, Board of Director Members, Physicians and Health Care workers, Teachers, Attorneys, Engineers, University Presidents, State Legislators, Congressmen, Senators, Mayors, City Council Members, decorated Military Service men and women, many entrepreneurs, tradesmen, community builders and last but not least, many generations of Tiger Families, some of which are now 5th and 6th Generation Tigers; and Mesa County Voters approved a bond measure which has built the state of the art building Tigers will enter into in the 2024-2025 school year; and

Whereas, it is appropriate to take the time to recognize all the great accomplishments of the School itself since its inception in 1911, and the building which has housed Tigers for the last sixty-eight years. The students, teachers, staff and administrators all have much to be proud of.

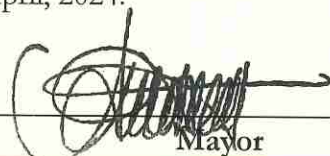
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anna Stout, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim April 6, 2024 as

"Tiger Pride Day"

in the City of Grand Junction and congratulate Grand Junction High School on its history and many accomplishments.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 6th day of April, 2024.



Mayor