

City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

## Proclamation

- the City of Grand Junction is home to a wealth of regional recreational assets on its public lands, including the North Fruita Desert Trails, Bangs Canyon Recreation Area, river running on the Colorado and Gunnison, and the Riverfront Trail; and
- the City of Grand Junction derives numerous benefits from the conservation of public lands such as Colorado National Monument, Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area, and Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness; and,
- the City of Grand Junction is fortunate to have such a wealth of conserved public lands in its vicinity. These lands contribute to the quality of life of residents and visitors alike and provide a legacy for future generations; and
- these public lands offer a wide range of benefits, including opportunities for outdoor recreation, such as hiking, camping, fishing, and mountain biking, and contribute to improved health and quality of life by providing clean air and water, protecting biodiversity, and offering scenic vistas that promote well-being; and
- **Whereas**, public lands play a vital role in the local economy by supporting tourism, recreation-based businesses, and job creation; and
- **Example 2.1** Colorado Public Lands Day is an opportunity for the community to celebrate the importance of public lands and to recognize the many benefits they provide; and
- **Thereas**, it is also a time to reflect on the responsibility that we all must protect and preserve these special places for future generations; and,
- **Whereas**, the State of Colorado created Colorado Public Lands Day in 2016, and it is proper to recognize the anniversary.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Abram Herman, Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim May 18, 2024 as

## "Colorado Public Lands Day"

in the City of Grand Junction and encourage all citizens to participate in activities that celebrate, appreciate and give back to our public lands.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

Mayor