



# Grand Junction

State of Colorado

## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, the Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our nation's commitment to encourage progress, create opportunity, and expand development at the grass roots level in the developing world; and*

*WHEREAS, over 210,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps Volunteers and trainees in 139 host counties since 1961. 6,772 of those Americans were men and women from the State of Colorado; and*

*WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers have made significant and lasting contributions around the world in agriculture, food security, business and civil society development, information technology, education, health and HIV/AIDS care and prevention, youth and community development, and the environment and have improved the lives of individuals and communities around the world; and*

*WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers have strengthened the ties of friendship between the people of the United States and those of other countries, and they have been enriched by their experiences overseas, have brought their communities throughout the United States a deeper understanding of other cultures and traditions, thereby bringing a domestic dividend to our nation; and*

*WHEREAS, a group of returned U. S. Peace Corps volunteers who served in Tanzania and Kenya, East Africa from 1966 until 1969 will be holding a reunion in Grand Junction September 26<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>; and*

*WHEREAS, Councilmember Bennett Boeschstein served as a Peace Corps volunteer in both Tanzania and Kenya during those years.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Susuras, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the weekend of September 26<sup>th</sup> through September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 as*

*“Peace Corps Reunion Weekend - Kilimanjaro Comes to the Rockies!”*

*in the City of Grand Junction and ask all citizens to help recognize all past and current Peace Corps Volunteers.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 18<sup>h</sup> day of September, 2013.*

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Mayor

