

*City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado*

# Proclamation

**Whereas,** the City of Grand Junction is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Grand Junction; and

**Whereas,** fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

**Whereas,** home fires killed more than 2,700 people in the United States in 2022, and fire departments in the United States responded to 360,000 home fires;

**Whereas,** roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or with no working smoke alarms; and

**Whereas,** more than half of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves; and

**Whereas,** City of Grand Junction first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and education; and


**Whereas,** The 2024 Fire Prevention Week theme “Smoke Alarms: Make them work for you.” Serves to remind us of the importance having working smoke alarms in the home. Effectively reminds us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Abram Herman, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim October 6-12 of 2024 as

## *“Fire Prevention Week”*

In the City of Grand Junction and urge all citizens of Grand Junction to make sure their homes have working smoke alarms during Fire Prevention Week 2024, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the City of Grand Junction’s Fire and Emergency services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2024.

  
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Mayor

