

Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the month of October 2013 has been designated as "National Disability Employment Awareness Month" in order to celebrate and recognize individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who make important contributions in their workplace; and

WHEREAS, employment is vital to the independence, empowerment, and quality of life of Americans with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 removed barriers and enabled many individuals with disabilities to find more opportunities to use their gifts and talents in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, by joint resolution approved August 11, 1945, has designated October of each year as "National Disability Employment Awareness Month" to recognize the contributions of Americans with disabilities and to encourage all citizens to help ensure their full inclusion in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the goals of this city properly give recognition to those who directly help people with disabilities gain full access to training and employment which help create productive and satisfying lives, and to live as independently as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Susuras, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2013 as

"NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Grand Junction and call upon the citizens of Grand Junction to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities. Furthermore, I encourage the citizens of Grand Junction to seek information from those organizations with expertise in matters concerning employment for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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^{nd} day of October, 2013.

