



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, public safety is a top priority in Grand Junction; and

WHEREAS, safety from fire is important both to citizens and local firefighters, who put their lives on the line with every response to fire; and

WHEREAS, first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States with two of every five home fires starting in the kitchen; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 U.S. fire departments responded to 370,000 home structure fires causing 13,910 civilian injuries, 2520 civilian deaths, and \$6.9 billion in direct damage; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Junction Fire Department is joining the National Fire Protection Association in teaching lifesaving messages in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week; and

WHEREAS, Fire Prevention Week's 2013 message "Prevent Kitchen Fires" is an important reminder for all citizens of Grand Junction.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Susuras, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the week of October 6 through October 12, 2013, as

"FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"

in the City of Grand Junction. This week is commemorated across North America and supported by the public safety efforts of fire departments, schools, and other safety advocates in partnership with the National Fire Protection Association.

For more information on how you can support "Fire Prevention Week" go to FPW.org and get cookin' with Fire Safety!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this day 2nd day of October, 2013.

Mayor

