



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the health of our community's people is the foundation for a caring and productive society, and our future rests with our ability to adequately treat, and ultimately find cures for, individuals who are afflicted with a variety of illnesses including pulmonary hypertension; and

WHEREAS, pulmonary hypertension (PH) is a rare disorder causing intolerable blood pressure levels in the arteries between the lungs and heart; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, there were 3,000 PH patients receiving treatment from 100 PH treating physicians. In just five years, those numbers had grown to an estimated 30,000 patients and 3,000 treating physicians; and

WHEREAS, there are at least as many undiagnosed as diagnosed patients and currently no cure; and

WHEREAS, without treatment, PH patients live an average of 2.8 years past diagnosis; with early diagnosis and effective treatment, the disease can be managed for longer; and

WHEREAS, education can help with early diagnosis and funding for research can help find a cure. Founded by Anna Marie Bower and Kristine Celeste Green, the local support group named LiPHe in the Grand Valley works to educate our community and provide support and resources to patients and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, the Pulmonary Hypertension Association is a nonprofit organization that seeks ways to prevent and cure pulmonary hypertension, and to provide hope for the PH community through support, education, advocacy, and awareness.

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 November 2013 as

“PULMONARY HYPERTENSION AWARENESS MONTH”

in the City of Grand Junction and urge all the citizens to recognize the seriousness of this disease and the meritorious work of the Pulmonary Hypertension Association to find a cure.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 6th day of November, 2013.

Mayor

