



# Grand Junction

State of Colorado

## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, the nation and the state of Colorado observe National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month during the month of November; and*

*WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease, a progressive neurodegenerative brain disorder, tragically robs individuals of their memories and leads to progressive mental and physical impairments; and*

*WHEREAS, an estimated 5.2 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease -- 72,000 of which live in Colorado -- and an estimated 1,600 people in Mesa County alone are living with Alzheimer's disease; and*

*WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S., and a growing threat to the health of our world; and*

*WHEREAS, in Colorado there were 231,000 caregivers providing unpaid care at a value of \$3.2 billion in 2012; and*

*WHEREAS, the annual cost to our country for healthcare, long-term care, and hospice for people with Alzheimer's disease in 2012 was \$203 billion; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction recognizes the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association to promote awareness, provide free education programs, and raise funds to fight Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.*

*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*

### *"NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH"*

*in the City of Grand Junction and encourage all residents to move the cause forward by joining the Alzheimer's Association as they lead the fight against Alzheimer's disease. All City residents are invited to attend the annual candlelight vigil at Sherwood Park on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.*

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

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Mayor

