Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the government of the Grand Junction, CO, celebrates our local small businesses and the contribution they make to our local economy and community; according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 28 million small businesses in the United States, they represent more than 99 percent of American companies, create two-thirds of the net new jobs, and generate half of private gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS, small businesses employ ½ of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 89 percent of consumers in the United States agree that small businesses contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs and generating tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, 86 percent of consumers in the United States have small businesses in their community that the consumers would miss if the small businesses closed; and

WHEREAS, 93 percent of consumers in the United States agree that it is important for people to support the small businesses that they value in their community; and

WHEREAS, 90 percent of consumers in the United States are willing to pledge support for a "buy local" movement; and

WHEREAS, Grand Junction, CO supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, advocacy groups and public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Susuras, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim November 30, 2013 as

"SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY"

And urge the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 20th day of November, 2013.

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Mayor