



City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

- Whereas,** intimate partner violence (IPV) is a widespread and devastating issue that affects individuals of all ages, genders, races, and backgrounds, impacting families and communities across our nation, including here on the Western Slope; and
- Whereas,** one in four women and one in nine men have experienced severe intimate partner physical violence, sexual violence, or stalking, which can have long-term physical, emotional, and psychological effects; and
- Whereas,** survivors of intimate partner violence deserve the support and resources necessary to help them heal and thrive, and across the Western Slope, many dedicated organizations, agencies, and advocates provide critical services, including safe shelter, crisis intervention, counseling, legal advocacy, education, and prevention efforts—to empower survivors and create pathways to safety and recovery; and
- Whereas,** these organizations work in close collaboration with law enforcement, healthcare providers, educators, faith communities, local governments, and concerned individuals, recognizing that ending intimate partner violence requires a united, community-wide response; and
- Whereas,** through public awareness campaigns, prevention initiatives, and coordinated services, these partnerships seek not only to respond to crises but also to break the cycle of violence, foster long-term safety, and create a future where everyone can live free from fear and abuse; and
- Whereas,** October has been designated as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month to bring attention to this issue and encourage collective action to end intimate partner violence; and
- Whereas,** the City of Grand Junction stands united with local organizations, community leaders, and citizens in supporting efforts to raise awareness, provide education, and promote the safety, dignity, and well-being of all residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cody Kennedy, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as

“Intimate Partner Violence Awareness Month”

in the City of Grand Junction, and I encourage all citizens to support the critical work of the many organizations and agencies across the Western Slope dedicated to ending intimate partner violence, and to participate in activities and initiatives aimed at raising awareness and supporting survivors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 16th day of September 2025.

Cody Kennedy

Mayor

