

City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

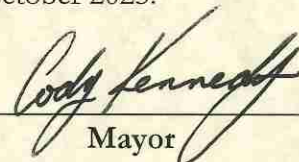
- Whereas,** the City of Grand Junction is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Grand Junction; and
- Whereas,** fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and the presence of lithium-ion batteries in many household devices introduces unique fire risks; and
- Whereas,** most of the electronics used in homes daily, including smartphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, e-scooters, and toys, are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which if misused, damaged, or improperly charged, can overheat, start a fire, or explode; and
- Whereas,** the fire service reports an increase in battery-related fires, underscoring the need for public education on the safe use of lithium-ion batteries; and
- Whereas,** residents should follow three key calls to action: buy only listed products; charge batteries safely; and recycle them responsibly to prevent battery-related fires; and
- Whereas,** the proper disposal and recycling of lithium-ion batteries help prevent environmental hazards and reduce fire risks in the home and community; and
- Whereas,** the 2025 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home,” serves to remind us of the importance of using, charging, and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely to reduce the risk of fires in homes and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cody Kennedy, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim October 5-11 of 2025, as

“Fire Prevention Week”

throughout the City of Grand Junction and urge all the residents to check their smoke alarms, learn of the importance of charging and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely during Fire Prevention Week 2025, and support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Grand Junction Department and all fire departments across Colorado.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 1st of October 2025.



Mayor

