

City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

## Proclamation

**Whereas**, the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce has served as the leading voice of business in Mesa County since its founding in 1884, dedicated to fostering a strong economy, advocating for pro-business policies, and creating opportunities for meaningful connection and growth; and

the Chamber continues to champion the success of more than 700 member businesses—representing tens of thousands of employees—by providing resources, leadership development, and strategic partnerships that strengthen the entire Western Colorado region; and

the Chamber actively drives workforce and talent development through initiatives such as WestSlope Works, the Young Entrepreneur Academy, and the Mesa County Leadership Program, connecting employers, educators, and future talent to ensure long-term regional prosperity; and

Thereas, the Chamber's commitment to economic vitality extends beyond advocacy—it convenes partners, cultivates collaboration, and celebrates innovation through events such as the Annual Energy Summit, Young Professionals Summit, and the Grand Valley BizMix, each designed to inform and empower the business community; and

Thereas, Chambers of Commerce like the Grand Junction Area Chamber play an essential role in promoting a vibrant, resilient, and connected community—one where businesses of all sizes can thrive and residents benefit from a growing, inclusive economy;

THEREFORE, I, Cody Kennedy, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2025, as

## "Support Your Local Chamber of Commerce Day"

and encourages all residents, employers, and community leaders to learn more about the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce, its impact on our economic prosperity, and the importance of supporting local businesses that keep our community strong.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 15th day of October 2025.

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