

City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

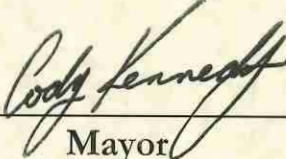
- Whereas,** the City of Grand Junction honors and respects all religious beliefs, cultures, creeds, and races and supports those who believe that equal spiritual opportunity and human rights belong to every citizen; and
- Whereas,** various statistical sources calculate that there are between 4,000 and 5,000 different religions in the world and that the city of Grand Junction and Mesa County are home to a number of such different faith paths as well as individuals who do not have a religious practice; and
- Whereas,** freedom of religion or belief (FoRB) is recognized internationally as a human right, and observances like Interfaith Awareness Week seek to promote and support that right for all individuals; and
- Whereas,** the Grand Valley Interfaith Network (GVIN) has been networking together since 1977 and offers varied programs designed to bring diverse faith groups into dialogue to better practice peace, harmony, cooperation, and understanding among all people; and
- Whereas,** the annual ThanksGVIN community interfaith service on November 25, which is the capstone of Interfaith Awareness Week, demonstrates that diverse religious perspectives are committed to working collaboratively to put hope into action; and
- Whereas,** Whereas, the ongoing activities of harmony among a diversity of faiths is a vital goal for all people throughout Grand Junction, North America, and the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cody Kennedy, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim November 19 - 25, 2025 as

"Interfaith Awareness Week"

in the City of Grand Junction. Furthermore, the City of Grand Junction hereby intends to continue annually recognizing the importance of all beliefs in the community and to consider, respect, and value the uniqueness and importance of religious diversity in our community

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 19th day of November 2025.



Mayor

