

*City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado*

# Proclamation

**Whereas**, During Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

**Whereas**, Black History Month grew out of the establishment, in 1926, of Negro History Week by Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and

**Whereas**, the 2025 national theme for the observance is 'African Americans and Labor'; focuses on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled, and unskilled, vocational and voluntary – intersect with the collective experiences of Black people; and

**Whereas**, the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and

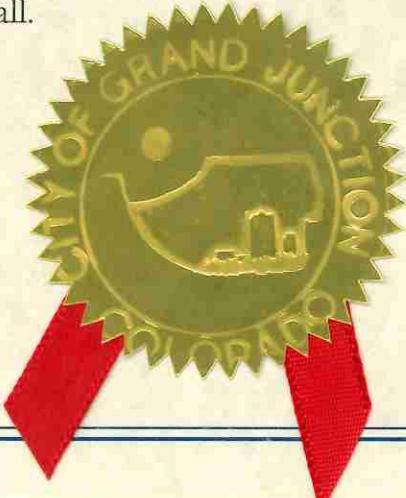
**Whereas**, the City of Grand Junction continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens past, present, and future are respected and recognized for their contributions and potential contributions to our community, the state, the country, and the world; and

**Whereas**, the City of Grand Junction is proud to honor the history and contributions of African Americans in our community, throughout our state, and nation.

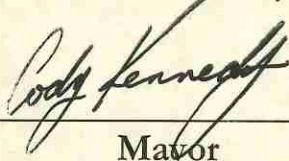
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Cody Kennedy, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, in recognition of African Americans past and present in our community do hereby proclaim February 2026 as

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in the City of Grand Junction and I encourage all citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.



Mayor