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**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026
WORKSHOP, 5:30 PM
FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING ROOM
625 UTE AVENUE**

1. Discussion Topics

- a. City Attorney Hiring Process
- b. Boards and Commissions Decision Making Process
- c. Orchard Mesa Pool Next Steps

2. City Council Communication

An unstructured time for Councilmembers to discuss current matters, share ideas for possible future consideration by Council, and provide information from board & commission participation.

3. Next Workshop Topics

4. Other Business

- a. Proclamation Request for Brain Injury Awareness Month- March 2026
- b. Proclamation Request Proclaiming April as National Donate Life Month
- c. Proclamation Requesting Mesa County Libraries 125th Anniversary
- d. Proclamation Request for Global Love Day

What is the purpose of a Workshop?

The purpose of the Workshop is to facilitate City Council discussion through analyzing information, studying issues, and clarifying problems. The less formal setting of the Workshop

promotes conversation regarding items and topics that may be considered at a future City Council meeting.

How can I provide my input about a topic on tonight's Workshop agenda?

Individuals wishing to provide input about Workshop topics can:

1. Send input by emailing a City Council member ([Council email addresses](#)) or call one or more members of City Council (970-244-1504)
 2. Provide information to the City Manager (citymanager@gjcity.org) for dissemination to the City Council. If your information is submitted prior to 3 p.m. on the date of the Workshop, copies will be provided to Council that evening. Information provided after 3 p.m. will be disseminated the next business day.
 3. Attend a Regular Council Meeting (generally held the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall) and provide comments during "Public Comments."
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Grand Junction City Council

Workshop Session

Item #1.a.

Meeting Date: March 2, 2026

Presented By: Shelley Caskey, Human Resources Director , Jay Valentine, Chief Financial Officer

Department: Human Resources

Submitted By: Shelley Caskey

Information

SUBJECT:

City Attorney Hiring Process

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

City Council has directed that the City conduct a City Attorney hiring process similar to the City Manager recruitment, including City Council review of the Request for Proposals (RFP) and City Council selection of the recruitment firm. This workshop item is intended to review the proposed Scope of Services and Deliverables for an executive search firm, so Purchasing can finalize the full RFP package for release.

BACKGROUND OR DETAILED INFORMATION:

The City Attorney position is a key executive-level role that provides legal counsel and support to the organization and City Council. Given the level of the position and City Council's desire to use an executive search firm, staff has developed a proposed scope of services and deliverables that sets clear expectations for the recruitment firm's work and the products the City will receive.

This workshop discussion is intentionally focused on the scope of services and deliverables, as these elements reflect the subject-matter expectations for the recruitment process (e.g., recruitment strategy and outreach, development of recruitment materials, screening and candidate summaries, coordination of interviews and finalist support, verification/reference support, and assistance through selection/offer). Purchasing will incorporate City Council direction into the complete RFP package, including solicitation instructions, standard terms and conditions, required forms, and evaluation documentation.

Following release of the RFP and receipt of proposals, staff will return to City Council for consideration and selection of the recruitment firm, consistent with City Council

direction.

Attachment: City Attorney RFP Draft Scope of Services and Deliverables.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Cost will be determined through the competitive RFP process and will depend on the selected firm's fee structure and proposed scope. Staff will return to City Council with pricing and a recommended funding source at the time proposals are presented for firm selection.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Provide direction on the proposed scope of services and deliverables for the City Attorney executive search RFP, including any additions or revisions, so staff and Purchasing can finalize and release the RFP and return proposals to City Council for selection of the recruitment firm.

Attachments

1. CityAttorneyRFPDraft

City Attorney Executive Search RFP – Scope of Services and Deliverables Draft

City Council has directed that the City conduct a City Attorney hiring process similar to the City Manager recruitment, including City Council review/approval of the Request for Proposals (RFP) and City Council selection of the recruitment firm. This summary is provided for City Council workshop discussion to outline the expected scope of services and deliverables the City would require from an executive search firm. Procurement will incorporate this scope into the complete RFP package, including solicitation instructions, standard terms and conditions, required forms, and evaluation documentation.

Scope of Services (City Attorney Executive Search)

The selected executive search firm (“Consultant”) shall provide full-service recruitment and selection support for the City Attorney position. Services are expected to include, at minimum:

- **Project Initiation and Recruitment Strategy**
 - Kickoff meeting with City representatives and, as directed, City Council representation
 - Confirm timeline, decision points, roles/responsibilities, and communication cadence
 - Written recruitment strategy (sourcing approach, target markets, outreach channels, risks/mitigation)
- **Position Profile Development and Selection Criteria**
 - Review/refine job description and requirements in coordination with City representatives and City Council direction
 - Facilitate stakeholder input to confirm priorities, qualifications, and job-related selection criteria
 - Assist in defining leadership competencies/behavioral expectations to be used consistently throughout screening and interviews
 - Develop a draft Position Profile/recruitment brochure for City Council review following firm selection
- **Recruitment Marketing and Outreach**
 - Proactive recruitment campaign, including direct sourcing
 - Post/advertise in agreed-upon professional networks and venues
 - Manage candidate inquiries and provide consistent position/process information
- **Application Management and Candidate Screening**
 - Receive/manage applications and inquiries
 - Screen against minimum qualifications and approved criteria/competencies
 - Conduct structured preliminary interviews and prepare written candidate summaries
- **Candidate Assessment and Due Diligence**
 - Coordinate assessment steps as directed by the City/City Council (e.g., structured interviews, written exercise, scenario-based discussion, stakeholder meetings)
 - Conduct finalist reference checks (minimum number as directed)
 - Verify active bar licensure and standing, and education as applicable, consistent with consent and legal requirements
 - Coordinate background checks consistent with applicable laws and City process
- **Interview Process Support and Coordination**

City Attorney Executive Search RFP – Scope of Services and Deliverables Draft

- Provide structured interview questions aligned to the Position Profile and criteria/competencies
- Provide evaluation tools (score sheets/rubrics) to support consistent, job-related evaluation
- Coordinate interview schedules and candidate logistics as directed by the City
- Provide candidate briefing materials and comparative summaries for interviewers
- Finalist Support, Selection, and Offer Assistance
 - Comparative finalist summaries describing qualifications and demonstrated leadership behaviors relative to approved criteria/competencies, including strengths and areas to explore further
 - Support selection steps and offer development/negotiation within City-approved parameters
 - Manage communications with candidates throughout the final selection process
- Status Updates and Administrative Coordination
 - Weekly or biweekly written status updates (as determined by the City)
 - Candidate communications, scheduling coordination, and process tracking support

Deliverables

At minimum, the Consultant shall provide:

- Project Workplan and Schedule (milestones, decision points, update cadence)
- Recruitment Strategy Summary (outreach channels, sourcing plan, screening approach)
- Position Profile / Recruitment Brochure (Draft and Final) for publication and outreach
- Recruitment Launch Materials (posting/ad copy and list of recruitment channels used)
- Regular Status Updates (written weekly/bi-weekly pipeline and outreach updates)
- Semifinalist Candidate Report (resumes and written summaries tied to criteria/competencies)
- Finalist Slate and Finalist Packets (typically 3–5 finalists unless market conditions warrant otherwise)
- Interview and Evaluation Materials Package (questions and rubric/score sheets aligned to criteria/competencies, schedules, briefing sheets)
- Reference and Verification Summaries (references and credential verification, including bar status/standing)
- Selection and Offer Support (support through selection, offer negotiation, acceptance)
- Closeout Summary (process/outreach overview, candidate flow, selection outcome, transition considerations)



Grand Junction City Council

Workshop Session

Item #1.b.

Meeting Date: March 2, 2026
Presented By: Selestina Sandoval, City Clerk
Department: City Clerk
Submitted By: Selestina Sandoval

Information

SUBJECT:

Boards and Commissions Decision Making Process

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Community participation at all levels of the governmental process is valued and encouraged. The City Clerk's office helps facilitate volunteer appointments to 14 boards, committees, commissions, and authorities on which over 100 citizens serve. Boards and Commission members are appointed by interview teams composed of two Councilmembers and their chair. This topic was requested for Council discussion to visit the Council decision-making process and its communication to the rest of the Council prior to going to a vote during a regular meeting.

BACKGROUND OR DETAILED INFORMATION:

Recruitment and onboarding for the city's boards and commissions are ongoing throughout the year for each board, and are also conducted when there is a resignation. Three months before the terms expire, the City Clerk's Office notifies the individuals and the staff liaison regarding the term expiration and whether they are eligible to reapply. If the member is interested in continuing to serve, we ask them to complete an application linked in the email. If the member is term-limited, they are not eligible to reapply and will receive a letter and certificate.

Process Summary:

- Three months before the terms expire, the vacancies are advertised, and eligible members are asked to reapply.
- Interview teams are determined at council workshops as necessary and consist of the Council Liaison and a second Councilmember.
- After the interview team has been established, a date is selected via a Doodle Poll.

- The board chair is invited to sit on the interview committee. If they are not available, the co-chair or another member is asked to participate.
- Applicants are notified of the interview date and time.
- An interview packet is provided to the interview team via email on the Friday before the interview date for review and in person during the interviews.
- The interview committee chooses its selections for appointments and provides the names to the City Clerk's Office.
- Appointments are scheduled on the agenda for the following regular council meeting.
- The applicants cannot be contacted regarding the status of the appointments until they are completed at the council meeting. For multi-jurisdictional boards, the appointments are ratified by all jurisdictions.
- Letters and certificates are created and mailed the day after the council meeting, and successful applicants are contacted by phone and email.
- The interview team can select an unsuccessful applicant as a backup in case of a mid-year vacancy and/or to contact them for the next interview date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

n/a

SUGGESTED ACTION:

This item is for discussion only.

Attachments

1. Board and Commissions Recruitment Schedule

Volunteer Board	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Commission on Arts and Culture										Memo		
Downtown Development Authority/BID			Memo									
Forestry Board								Memo				
Grand Junction Housing Authority							Memo					
Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority**	Memo											
Historic Preservation Board									Memo			
Judicial Review Performance												
Horizon Drive Association BID	Memo											
Mesa County Building Code Board of Appeals				Memo								
One Riverfront***			Memo									
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board			Memo									
Parks Improvement Advisory Board*										Memo		
Planning Commission							Memo					
Riverview Technology Corporation Ratify										Memo		
Urban Trails Committee			Memo									
Visit Grand Junction Board									Memo			
Zoning Board of Appeals							Memo					
Memo to Council												
Advertise Vacancies												
Interview Candidates												
Make Appointments at City Council Meeting												
Add'l Entities												

*No need to interview

***allow more time for interviews



Grand Junction City Council

Workshop Session

Item #1.c.

Meeting Date: March 2, 2026

Presented By: Ken Sherbenou, Parks and Recreation Director

Department: Parks and Recreation

Submitted By: Ken Sherbenou

Information

SUBJECT:

Orchard Mesa Pool Next Steps

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

City Council requested the Orchard Mesa Pool item come back to City Council in early 2026 for further discussion. With the expiration of the current agreement with the owner of the land and the building, School District #51, slated for December 31, 2026 and with the Community Recreation Center coming online in late 2026, continued discussion is needed. At the February 2, 2026 workshop, staff presented the history of the facility, described the current situation including level of service and finances, and reviewed the 2023 Orchard Mesa Study and Plan.

After lengthy discussion, Council directed staff to further explore the following options:

Prepare to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to find a partner/s to take over ownership and operation of the pool and potentially add in new assets to the site. Also, to explore steps to establish a some form of district in Orchard Mesa or larger portion of unincorporated Mesa County to take over ownership, operations and maintenance of the Orchard Mesa Pool.

BACKGROUND OR DETAILED INFORMATION:

Since the February 2 workshop, connections have been made with current pool partner, School District #51, as well as with previous pool partner Mesa County, who would need to be the referring entity for a ballot proposal to pursue option D, a special district.

The request for proposals is being drafted per Council direction. Additional guidance is being sought from City Council at the March 2 workshop to better understand who should receive the RFP and what it should entail. In addition to all of the normal

channels of distribution such as on Bid Net, the purchasing division will complete a direct send of the RFP to anyone and any entity the City believes may be interested in. Currently, the recipient list includes Power Wellness (a facility management firm that contacted the City after the Daily Sentinel article that covered the February 2nd workshop), Ninjacross (a firm that provides a pool amenity that involves an obstacle course, who contacted the City after the Daily Sentinel article that covered the February 2nd workshop), Mesa County Library District, Monument Physical Therapy, Physical Therapy Specialty Center, Optimal Performance PT, Fyzical Therapy and Balance Centers, Two Rivers Physical Therapy, Family Health West, Western Slope Rehab and Balance Centers, PT Link Physical Therapy, Primary Care Partners, Community Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital. It is important to note that School District #51, as the owner of the land and the building, would need to approve any contract or otherwise that may come out of this exploration of potential partnerships.

Additionally, staff will report on work completed looking into the creation of a district by a vote of district residents to own and operate the pool and any other facilities listed in the requisite service plan. This includes voting patterns of the Orchard Mesa Council District, where 42% of voters said yes to the 2019 ballot proposal that would have funded the Community Recreation Center at Matchett Park, developed 75 acres of Matchett Park and also renovated the Orchard Mesa Pool and Gym into a satellite recreation center. This compares with 61% of the Orchard Mesa Council district residents who voted yes for the 2023 ballot proposal that successfully funded only the Community Recreation Center at Matchett Park.

Staff will present two possibilities for a district. Option A focuses on Orchard Mesa, where 8,131 residents are City residents and 8,160 are non-City residents. Option B focuses on unincorporated Mesa County on the east side of Mesa County, where there are 16,018 City residents and 44,502 non-City residents. This includes Orchard Mesa, Pear Park, Fruitvale and Clifton. A special district attorney was also contacted to understand what work would be required to submit a ballot proposal to voters to create a special district. It is important to note that creation of such a district would need to be engaged by Mesa County and if Council would like to pursue, discussions need to begin with Mesa County.

Lastly, the project costs included as a part of the 2023 Orchard Mesa Pool study were evaluated by FCI Constructors, the results of which will be presented at the March 2nd workshop.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The 2026 budget includes funding for the Orchard Mesa Pool per the agreement with School District #51 to operate the facility until at least until the CRC opens. It is of note that the City's payment has risen each year, from \$125,000 in 2022 to \$441,444 in 2026 (budgeted). Without contributions from Mesa County and School District #51, the City is now fully responsible for covering the required subsidy. The 2026 budget also reflects reductions in operational revenue, as the 2023 Orchard Mesa Pool study projects a 2/3 decrease in participation once the CRC opens in Q4 2026.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

For discussion purposes only.

Attachments

None

Insert proclamation text into the field below:

City of Grand Junction
Brain Injury Awareness Month Proclamation
March 4th, 2026

WHEREAS, brain injuries are a leading cause of death and disability in the United States, affecting individuals of all ages, races, and socioeconomic backgrounds, including many within the City of Grand Junction; and

WHEREAS, a brain injury can have profound physical, cognitive, emotional, and behavioral effects, presenting unique challenges to those affected, their families, and their caregivers; and

WHEREAS, Hilltop's Brain Injury Services plays a crucial role in our community by providing **comprehensive support for adults with brain injuries**, offering personalized assistance and resources that empower individuals to live as independently as possible, fostering dignity and self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, Hilltop's Brain Injury Services has also created a **community of inclusion**, where individuals living with brain injuries can come together in **an environment free of judgment**—a place where they can share in **camaraderie and joy**, offering each other understanding and friendship, and celebrating their strengths and progress; and

WHEREAS, awareness of brain injuries and the challenges faced by those who live with them is essential to creating a more supportive and inclusive society, where all individuals can thrive and reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, the month of March is recognized as **Brain Injury Awareness Month** nationwide, bringing attention to the impact of brain injuries, promoting prevention, and advocating for improved access to care and resources for survivors and their families; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction is proud to join in these efforts to raise awareness and support all those affected by brain injuries, including the life-changing work being done by Hilltop's Brain Injury Services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Cody Kennedy, Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim March 2026 as **Brain Injury Awareness Month** in the City of Grand Junction, and I encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of supporting brain injury survivors and to

honor the work of Hilltop's Brain Injury Services in helping individuals live fulfilling and independent lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Grand Junction to be affixed this 4th of March, 2026.

Cody Kennedy
Mayor, City of Grand Junction

First Name	Jordan
Last Name	Kiser
Organization (optional)	Hilltop - Brain Injury Services
Address	1405 Wellington Avenue
City	Grand Junction
State	Colorado
Zip Code	81501-8230
Email	jordant@htop.org
Phone number	9702440528
Type of Recognition	Proclamations for national, state or local recognition days, weeks or months
Title of Recognition	Brain Injury Awareness Month
Recognition Date (e.g. Month, Week, Day)	Month of March 2026
Name of person receiving proclamation	Jordan Kiser

National Donate Life Month Proclamation 2026

Whereas, this April 2026 marks the **23rd National Donate Life Month**, a time to raise awareness of organ, eye, and tissue donation, encourage Americans to register as donors, and honor those who have saved and healed lives through the gift of donation; and

Whereas, Colorado has been a leader in the nation with nearly **900,000 Coloradans registering to be organ, eye, and tissue donors at the DMV**; and

Whereas, **Donor Alliance**, along with their Colorado State Team community partner, the **Chris Klug Foundation**, educate residents in Colorado and Wyoming on the lifesaving benefits of organ and tissue donation, inspire them to register as donors, and encourage them to share their decision with their family; and

Whereas, **one donor can save up to 8 lives through organ donation**, restore sight in up to 2 people through cornea transplants, and save and heal more than 75 lives through tissue donation; and

Whereas, in Colorado and most of Wyoming in 2025, a record **314 heroic organ donors provided 1,036 lifesaving transplants**, and **1,880 heroic tissue donors saved and healed more than 140,000 lives with tissue grafts**; and

Whereas, registering gives hope to more than **1,400 people in Colorado and Wyoming waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant**, while compassionately celebrating donors and their families for the gift of life; and

Whereas, organ, eye, and tissue donation would not be possible without our community coming together for one united purpose. Saying “Yes” to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor means you are not just checking a box—you are saving and healing lives;

Now, therefore, I, [Name], the [Title] of [City/County/State of Colorado], do hereby proclaim the month of **April 2026 as National Donate Life Month**

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of [City/County/State] to be affixed this [day] of [month], 2026.

Signed:

[Name], [Title]

Insert proclamation text into the field below:

Mesa County Libraries 125th Anniversary

July 25, 2026

WHEREAS, Mesa County Libraries was established in 1901 and has served as a cornerstone of knowledge and community connection for 125 years; and

WHEREAS, Mesa County Libraries has provided essential resources, educational opportunities and a broad variety of books and materials that foster a love of reading and lifelong learning for residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS, 125 years of dedicated service represents an unwavering commitment to accessibility, free access to information, literacy support, and continuous evolution to meet the changing needs of our community; and

WHEREAS, library staff, trustees, the Friends of the Mesa County Libraries, and countless volunteers have tirelessly served the public, creating welcoming and spaces for all patrons; and

WHEREAS, libraries strengthen our democracy by enabling individuals to make informed decisions about self-governance through unrestricted access to information and by providing safe spaces for all community members; and

WHEREAS, Mesa County Libraries creates environments where people share their stories, learn from one another, and build the social bonds that support a resilient community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mesa County Commissioners do hereby proclaim July 25, 2026 as "MESA COUNTY LIBRARIES 125TH ANNIVERSARY" in Mesa County and encourage all residents to visit, celebrate, and recognize the invaluable contributions the eight Mesa County Libraries have made to improving lives throughout our community.

First Name

Tamara

Last Name

Vliek

Organization (optional)

Mesa County Libraries

Address	443 N. 6th Street
City	Grand Junction
State	CO
Zip Code	81501
Email	tvliek@mcpld.org
Phone number	970-208-5685
Type of Recognition	Proclamations for national, state or local recognition days, weeks or months
Title of Recognition	Mesa County Libraries 125th Anniversary
Recognition Date (e.g. Month, Week, Day)	July 25, 2026
Name of person receiving proclamation	Michelle Boisvenue-Fox

From: [Mike Bennett](#)
To: [Selestina Sandoval](#)
Subject: FW: Announcing Global Love Day 2026 and Proclamation Request
Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 10:10:28 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

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From: Cody Kennedy <codyken@gjcity.org>
Sent: Monday, February 9, 2026 2:12 PM
To: Mike Bennett <mike.bennett@gjcity.org>
Subject: Fw: Announcing Global Love Day 2026 and Proclamation Request

Hi Mike,

Here's another proclamation request-

If we do consider this one, I'd like to suggest the following language rather than what this email contains:

PROCLAMATION

Global Love Day

May 1, 2026

WHEREAS, strong communities are built on mutual respect, compassion, and a shared commitment to the well-being of all residents; and

WHEREAS, acts of kindness, service, and understanding help strengthen civic life and bring neighbors together across differences; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the value of empathy, personal responsibility, and care for one another contributes to a safer, healthier, and more connected community; and

WHEREAS, May 1 has been observed by communities around the world as a day to reflect on the importance of compassion, unity, and goodwill in daily life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cody Kennedy, Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2026, as Global Love Day in Grand Junction and encourage residents to observe this day through acts of kindness, service, and respect that strengthen our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, to be affixed this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Cody Kennedy

Mayor, City of Grand Junction

Thanks,
Cody

Cody Kennedy
Mayor

City of Grand Junction

“Together, let's do what's best for Grand Junction!”

From: Harold W. Becker <hwbecker@thelovefoundation.com>

Sent: Saturday, February 7, 2026 6:02:52 PM

To: Cody Kennedy <codyken@gjcity.org>

Subject: Announcing Global Love Day 2026 and Proclamation Request

⚠ **EXTERNAL SENDER** ⚠

Only open links and attachments from known senders. DO NOT provide sensitive information.

Now, more than ever, we appreciate your leadership and vision. On behalf of The Love Foundation, we invite you to join a global tradition by proclaiming **May 1, 2026**, as **Global Love Day**. To date, over **968 proclamations** have been issued by prominent governors, mayors, and councils (listed below) in support of our shared humanity. It would be an honor to

include your jurisdiction this year. A sample proclamation is included below for your consideration. We also have local coordinators available should you wish for in-state representation. Please reach out with any questions at 407-779-2436. Thank you for your kind support.

Harold W. Becker Founder and President, The Love Foundation Inc.

The Love Foundation Announces the 23rd Annual "GLOBAL LOVE DAY"- May 1, 2026

ORLANDO, FL, February 2026 — Kindness, compassion, and love are taking center stage on a global scale. The Love Foundation (TLF) once again invites the world to "Celebrate Our Humanity" during Global Love Day on May 1, 2026. This 23rd annual event serves as a collective awareness event encompassing all nations, people, and life.

Since its launch in 2004, Global Love Day has reached individuals in over **175 countries** and received more than **968 official proclamations** from governors, mayors, and councils.

Centered on the theme "Love Begins with Me," the core message has been translated into **40 languages** with a universal reach.

"This day is a global recognition of humanity and the power of love within each individual," states TLF Founder Harold W. Becker. Through social media and by accessing the Foundation's main web site at www.thelovefoundation.com, people of all backgrounds including musicians, artists, government and religious leaders, authors, homemakers, students, NGO's, and businesses from around the world are sharing their support. Established in 2000, The Love Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and an internationally recognized resource for unconditional love with the mission of inspiring people to love unconditionally. Through education, research, and charitable programs, TLF assists individuals in building a practical foundation of love within themselves and society. For more information, contact John T. Goltz, Vice President, at email jtgoltz@thelovefoundation.com

Be a part of it. Spread the word. Share the Love.

Think: Global Love Day

Feel: Love Begins With Me

Remember: May 1, 2026

Proclamation
(Sample)

Whereas, The Love Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization, has announced GLOBAL

LOVE DAY to facilitate in establishing LOVE & PEACE on our planet;

Whereas, GLOBAL LOVE DAY will establish a worldwide focus towards "unconditionally loving each other as we love ourselves";

Whereas, We are One Humanity on this planet;

Whereas, All life is interconnected and interdependent;

Whereas, All share in the Universal bond of love;

Whereas, Love begins with self-acceptance and forgiveness;

Whereas, With respect and compassion we embrace diversity;

Whereas, Together we make a difference through love;

Whereas, The Love Foundation, Inc. invites mankind to declare May 1, 2026 as GLOBAL LOVE DAY, a day of forgiveness and unconditional love. GLOBAL LOVE DAY will act as a model for all of us to follow, each and every day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____ of _____, hereby dedicate and proclaim May 1st, 2026 as: GLOBAL LOVE DAY in _____ and invite all citizens to observe this day, which honors the public cause for Global Love, World Peace, and Universal Joy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of _____ to be affixed this ____ day of _____, 2026

List of Governors, Mayors, Councils and Officials Acknowledging Global Love Day to date:

(All are viewable on our website)

HH Dalai Lama

US Governors:

Governor Alabama

Governor Alaska

Governor Colorado
Governor Connecticut
Governor Florida
Governor Hawaii
Governor Idaho
Governor Indiana
Governor Iowa
Governor Kansas
Governor Kentucky
Governor Louisiana
Governor Maine
Governor Maryland
Governor Montana
Governor Nebraska
Governor Nevada
Governor New Jersey
Governor New Mexico
Governor Ohio
Governor Oregon
Governor Oklahoma
Governor Tennessee
Governor Pennsylvania
Governor Puerto Rico
Governor Rhode Island
Governor South Dakota
Governor Utah
Governor Washington
Governor Wisconsin

US Senators of FL

US Congressman of NY

US Mayors & Councils:

Addison, TX

Akron, OH

Alabaster, AL

Albany, OR

Albuquerque, NM

Alexandria, VA

Altamonte Springs, FL
Anchorage, AK
Arlington, VA
Asheville, NC
Atlanta, GA
Atlanta City Council, GA
Aventura, FL
Babylon, NY
Baltimore, MD
Battle Creek, MI
Bay City, MI
Bayonne, NJ
Beaverton, OR
Bell Gardens, CA
Beverly, MA
Beverly Hills, CA
Binghamton, NY
Bloomfield, NJ
Bloomington, IN
Bolingbrook, IL
Bonita Springs, FL
Boston, MA
Boynton Beach, FL
Bradenton, FL
Brick, NJ
Bridgeport, CT
Buffalo, NY
Burbank, CA
Burlington, NC
Burnsville, MN
Calabasas, CA
Cambridge, MA
Canton, OH
Carmel, IN
Carpentersville, IL
Carson, CA
Cathedral City, CA
Central Falls, RI
Cerritos, CA

Charleston, SC
Charlotte, NC
Chattanooga, TN
Cincinnati, OH
Clearwater, FL
Clermont, FL
Cleveland, OH
Coconut Creek, FL
Colorado Springs, CO
Columbus, OH
Concord, NC
Cooper City, FL
Council Bluffs, IA
Cupertino, CA
Dallas, TX
Daly City, CA
Dania Beach, FL
Davie, FL
Dayton, OH
Deerfield Beach, FL
Delaware, OH
Deltona, FL
Denver, CO
Detroit, MI
Dumfries, VA
Dunedin, FL
Durham, NC
East Lansing, MI
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