

*City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado*

# Proclamation

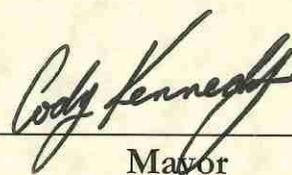
- Whereas,** Mesa County Valley School District 51 employs 3,462 teachers and staff, and currently serves 19,430 students in 40 schools throughout the Grand Valley; and
- Whereas,** teachers work hard in schools throughout the nation every day to provide a safe, high quality, and stable learning environment for children; and
- Whereas,** our future is written in schools across our country, and we know a student's circumstances do not dictate his or her potential; and
- Whereas,** having an effective teacher is the most important in-school factor for student success by providing them with opportunities to develop skills for the fulfillment of achievable goals in life and in work, which strengthens our economy and society as a whole; and
- Whereas,** teachers often do not receive the pay or praise they deserve for dedicating their lives to educating the children of our community; and
- Whereas,** teachers should be accorded in high public esteem, reflecting the value placed on their skills and abilities, and the importance of public education.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Cody Kennedy, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the week of May 4 – 8, 2026 as

## *“Teacher Appreciation Week”*

in the City of Grand Junction and call upon all members of our community to express their appreciation for the educators who engage, equip, and empower our learning community today for a limitless tomorrow.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

  
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Mayor

