

City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

Whereas, Veterans Day is a time set aside each year to honor the service and sacrifice of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces; and

Whereas, 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of our nation's independence and the 150th anniversary of Colorado statehood, offering an opportunity to recognize the generations of veterans whose service has helped preserve the freedoms and communities we celebrate; and

Whereas, veterans and their families are an important part of Grand Junction, and their contributions to our community continue long after their military service; and

Whereas, the annual Grand Junction Veterans Day Parade and Block Party, organized by The Steadfast Valor Foundation and community partners, bring together veterans, families, schools, businesses and organizations to publicly recognize and celebrate those who have served our nation; and

Whereas, the days between the parade and block party on Saturday, November 7, and the national observance of Veterans Day on Wednesday, November 11, provide a meaningful time for reflection, gratitude and recognition of the contributions of veterans in Grand Junction and across our country; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper for the City of Grand Junction to lead the community in honoring our veterans during this extended period of recognition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurel Lutz, Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim November 7 through November 11, 2026, as

"Veterans Recognition Days

in the City of Grand Junction and encourage all residents to honor and thank our veterans, recognize the support of their families, and participate in the parade, block party and Veterans Day activities in gratitude for their service.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 7th day of November 2026.

Laurel Lutz

Mayor