



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the City of Grand Junction there are four National Service Programs, all funded by the Corporation for Nation and Community Service; and

WHEREAS, in the four programs are AmeriCorps, Foster Grandparents, Senior Companion, and RSVP; and

WHEREAS, Mesa County RSVP, Inc. has served Mesa County for 41 years, placing seniors ages 55 and older in meaningful volunteer positions throughout the community, and whose volunteers provide an annual average of 88,431 hours of service; and

WHEREAS, Mesa County AmeriCorps program has been active in Mesa County for 14 years, currently has an average of 33 active members who will volunteer an average of 34,000 hours this year; has over 350 alumni who have provided more than 530,000 hours of service; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary's Hospital Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs have served Mesa County for 41 years and 24 respectively, and keep low-income senior volunteers active and productive, who give an average of 87,500 hours of service annually throughout the City and County; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers for these four programs provide a combined annual benefit to our community of over 250,000 hours of service; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Independent Sector valued an hour of volunteer service on a national level to be \$22.14 an hour; and

WHEREAS, by using this value, these hours of service reflect a contribution of approximately \$5,535,000 given freely, with honorable intentions and charitable results to Mesa County; and

WHEREAS, Mayors from Cities all across the nation today are honoring these National Service Programs and their legions of dedicated volunteers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Susuras, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim April 1, 2014 as

"MAYOR'S DAY OF RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL SERVICE"

in the City of Grand Junction and call upon all the citizens of Grand Junction to pay tribute to the lives and contributions of these generous-spirited volunteers who do so much good in our City and County.

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 March, 2014.

Mayor

