

# Grand Junction

State of Colorado

## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, in 1881, a man named George Crawford created a new town in western Colorado at the junction of the Grand (later renamed the Colorado) and Gunnison Rivers; and*

*WHEREAS, pioneers of Grand Junction recognized the need for fire protection because of the area's climate, parched land, and limited water; and*

*WHEREAS, on July 16, 1889 thirty-eight concerned Grand Junction citizens met and organized a fire hose company and elected B.K. Kennedy as the first temporary fire chief; and*

*WHEREAS, the Grand Junction City Council donated \$250.00 and James Cameron, a local businessman donated \$100.00 to purchase equipment and a hand drawn hose cart, his generosity honored by the name of the Hose Company; and*

*WHEREAS, in December 1889, the Secretary of the Hose Company filed the official name of the Cameron Hose Company with the Grand Junction Town Recorder and City Council availed the ground floor of City Hall on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Colorado Avenue to house the fire department; and*

*WHEREAS, the Grand Junction Fire Department over the course of 125 years has grown to over 130 members, serving from five fire stations, covering 77 square miles and protecting a population over 82,000; and*

*WHEREAS, today, July 16, 2014, the Grand Junction Fire Department will commemorate 125 years of service to the citizens of Grand Junction.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phyllis Norris, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 as celebrating*

*“Grand Junction Fire Department’s 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary”*

*in the City of Grand Junction and encourage all individuals to participate in the celebration of this milestone by thanking those who have served, past and present, in the Fire Department.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2014.*

*Phyllis Norris*  
Mayor

