



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction recognizes suicide as a troubling and painful public health concern impacting far too many citizens. There are complex environmental, psychological, and genetic factors contributing to its cause; and

WHEREAS, 29 people died by suicide in Mesa County in 2013. Mesa County's suicide rate is 34.4 per 100,000, three times the national suicide rate; and

WHEREAS, Mesa County is 4th in the state in terms of suicide rate; and

WHEREAS, too many people are left to struggle to understand and grieve the loss of their loved one. A great many suicides are preventable; and

WHEREAS, the prevention of suicide requires the commitment, collaboration, and caring of the entire community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phyllis Norris, by the power vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Grand Junction do hereby proclaim the month of September 2014 as

"SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH"

in the City of Grand Junction and urge all citizens to encourage initiatives based on the goals contained in the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention by promoting awareness that suicide is a public health problem that is preventable .

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 3rd day of September, 2014.

Mayor

