

# Grand Junction

State of Colorado

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** *the health of our community is the foundation for a caring and productive society, and our future rests with our ability to adequately treat, and ultimately find cures for, individuals who are afflicted with a variety of illnesses including pulmonary hypertension; and*

**WHEREAS,** *pulmonary hypertension (PH) is a rare, chronic, progressive life-threatening lung disease marked by elevated blood pressure in the lungs; and*

**WHEREAS,** *without treatment, PH patients live an average of 2.8 years past diagnosis; and*

**WHEREAS,** *multiple treatments are available for PH but it takes patients an average of nearly 3 years to be accurately diagnosed. This delay in diagnosis has not changed in the past twenty years; and*

**WHEREAS,** *PH patients who are diagnosed earlier have a longer life-expectancy; and*

**WHEREAS,** *education can help with early diagnosis and funding for research can help find a cure; and*

**WHEREAS,** *LiPHe in the Grand Valley is a local support group with the mission of fostering a caring, educated, and supportive community for pulmonary hypertension patients and their families through the assistance of the Pulmonary Hypertension Association, a nonprofit organization that seeks ways to prevent and cure pulmonary hypertension, and to provide hope for the PH community through support, education, advocacy, and awareness.*

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

**"PULMONARY HYPERTENSION AWARENESS MONTH"**

**in the City of Grand Junction and urge all the citizens to recognize the seriousness of this disease and the meritorious work of the Pulmonary Hypertension Association to find a cure.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.**



*Phyllis Norris*  
Mayor

