

Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *for more than 75 years it has been the policy of this nation to promote the general welfare of the nation by employing its resources to assist states and local communities to remedy the unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions and the acute shortage of decent, safe and sanitary dwellings for families and individuals of lower income; and*

WHEREAS, *the National Low-Income Housing Coalition's "Out of Reach 2014" report reveals that minimum wage earners working full time in the Grand Junction area are unable to afford a one-bedroom home at Fair Market Rents and would need to work 1.84 full time minimum wage jobs to be able to afford a two-bedroom apartment at Fair Market Rents, and*

WHEREAS, *according to the U. S. Census Bureau, over half of the 16,642 renter households, in the Grand Junction area, pay more than 30% of their monthly gross income for rent, causing them to be housing burdened, and*

WHEREAS, *access to safe, stable and affordable housing throughout the Grand Junction area improves the lives of individuals and strengthens the economic vitality of our community; and*

WHEREAS, *increasing the availability of affordable housing and entry-level homeownership opportunities is paramount to the health, prosperity, and growth of our community; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Grand Junction is fortunate to benefit from the efforts of the Grand Junction Housing Authority, Housing Resources of Western Colorado, Grand Valley Catholic Outreach, Hilltop Community Resources, and Rocky Mountain Communities each of which works with families and individuals to provide a range of affordable homeownership options and rental housing options in the Grand Junction area.*

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 October 2014 as

"HOUSING AMERICA MONTH"

and encourage all citizens to learn about the benefits of safe, affordable housing for all residents of the Grand Junction area.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 1st day of October, 2014.

Phyllis Norris
Mayor

