

Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, autism is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States, affecting more than three million people; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of autism is an urgent public health crisis that demands support from all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, autism is the result of a neurological disorder that affects the normal functioning of the human brain, and can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS, symptoms and characteristics of autism may present themselves in a variety of combinations and can result in significant lifelong impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, and understand verbal as well as nonverbal communication; and

WHEREAS, the effort to address autism continues as doctors, therapists, and educators help persons with autism overcome or adjust to its challenges by providing early and accurate diagnoses and appropriate education, intervention, and therapy — all of which are vital to future growth and development; and

WHEREAS, it is important to ensure that persons living with autism have access to the lifelong care and services needed to pursue their full measure of personal happiness and achieve their greatest potential; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction is honored to take part in the annual observance of Autism Awareness Month and World Autism Awareness Day in the hope that it will lead to a better understanding of the disorder.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phyllis Norris, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim April 2015 as

“National Autism Awareness Month”

and April 2, 2015 as

“World Autism Awareness Day”

in the City of Grand Junction and urge all citizens to become better educated on the subject of the autism disorder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 1st day of April, 2015.



Phyllis Norris
Mayor

