

Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *there are more than 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of our local law enforcement agencies, to include the Mesa County Sheriff's Office, the Grand Junction Police Department, the Palisade Police Department, the Fruita Police Department and the Colorado State Patrol; and*

WHEREAS, *nearly 52,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 15,000 injuries; and*

WHEREAS, *since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including 2 from local law enforcement agencies. Fruita Police Department lost Acting Chief Dan Dalley in June 2001 and Deputy Edward Innes was killed on September 27, 1906, during an inmate jail escape; and*

WHEREAS, *the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and*

WHEREAS, *126 officers killed in the line of duty in 2014 will have their names added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial located in Washington, D.C. this year including David Baldwin from the Jefferson County, Colorado Sheriff's Office; and*

WHEREAS, *the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored locally during the candlelight vigil, on the evening of May 15, 2015; and*

WHEREAS, *May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week of May 10 through May 16, 2015, is National Police Week.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phyllis Norris, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim May 10-16, 2015 as

"POLICE WEEK"

in the City of Grand Junction, and publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 6th day of May, 2015.

Phyllis Norris
Mayor

