

# Grand Junction

State of Colorado

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** *the Grand Junction High School Knowledge Bowl Team began competing in 1985, and*

**WHEREAS,** *led by High School Teacher Lorena Thompson and Junior Varsity coach, Lynn Thompson, since 1991, the team of high school students grew in size and started winning State Championships in 1996, becoming a legacy team; and*

**WHEREAS,** *2004 was the first year of five years that the Team went to National finals. They raised money through Grand Junction High School Boosters, by hosting a Community Bowl where community groups compete on the first Saturday in April and support the team with their entry fees, and through various forms of independent fund-raising; and*

**WHEREAS,** *in 2009, the Team traveled to Florida and brought home third place, competing against mostly magnet or private elite schools or assemblies of kids from various schools throughout the country, with only one team from each State; and*

**WHEREAS,** *in 2015, the Team consisting of juniors and seniors from Grand Junction High School were invited for the 17<sup>th</sup> time in 20 years to represent the State of Colorado in the National Championships; and*

**WHEREAS,** *this year, 2015, the Team led by Head Coach, Lyndsay Thompson, and assistant coaches: Lorena Thompson, Coady Shawcroft, Casey Smith, and Lynn Thompson, brought home the first place title, winning the National Championship for the first time ever for the school and for the State of Colorado; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the Grand Junction City Council would like to take this opportunity to recognize this great accomplishment and congratulate the students: Greg Gibson, Patrick Baier, Ben Potter, Brian List, Parker Davis-McDougal, Cory Lans, Ryland Curtsinger, Sean Ridgway, and the coaches of this year's Knowledge Bowl Team.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phyllis Norris, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim July 1, 2015 as**

### **"GRAND JUNCTION HIGH SCHOOL KNOWLEDGE BOWL TEAM DAY"**

**in the City of Grand Junction and praise the efforts of these students and applaud them for being National Champions!**

**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 July, 2015.**

*Phyllis Norris*  
Mayor

