

Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Paramedics don't always get the same recognition as doctors and nurses but they're an equally important part of the medical field, especially in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, EMTs and Paramedics save lives in high-pressure environments, responding to emergency calls, performing medical services at the scene, and transporting patients quickly and safely to hospitals; and

WHEREAS, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook, EMTs and Paramedics experience work-related illnesses and injuries at a much higher level than the average worker. They're also often required to work long hours and irregular schedules; and

WHEREAS, many emergency medical workers stick with the job, in spite of the long hours and stress, because they genuinely enjoy helping others and making a difference; and

WHEREAS, GoodCall, a data research organization, analyzed 750 metro and micro areas nationwide in order to determine the top places for EMTs and Paramedics to work; and

WHEREAS, GoodCall looked at salaries, housing, area amenities, and employment attractiveness; and

WHEREAS, Grand Junction was named 32nd out of 750 as best places for EMTs and Paramedics to work, earning a rating of 393.5 out of 500; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Junction City Council would like to take this ranking as an opportunity to recognize the EMTs and Paramedics in this community for their dedication and commitment to their profession and let them know how appreciative we are that they are here to respond to medical emergencies in the community.

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

"EMT AND PARAMEDIC RECOGNITION DAY"

in the City of Grand Junction and encourage our citizens to thank the EMTs and Paramedics that they know for the work that they do.

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

