



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15. There are more than 15,000 children diagnosed each year; and*

WHEREAS, *one in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer. Many others suffer long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and*

WHEREAS *founded over twenty years ago, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. are dedicated to helping these children and their families. These organizations provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at participating hospitals in Colorado and throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and*

WHEREAS, *the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor Courageous Kid Recognition Award ceremonies, community Get Well cards, and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer; and*

WHEREAS, *here locally, a young girl Delaney Clements, who herself is fighting childhood cancer, has created a foundation called "Delaney Donates" which accepts donations to fight childhood cancer and provides comfort services to other children and their families fighting childhood cancer; and*

WHEREAS, *Fire Departments throughout Mesa County are selling purple shirts to raise awareness on childhood cancer. All the proceeds go to the Delaney Donates foundation.*

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 September, 2015 as

"CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Grand Junction and urge all citizens to contribute to the American Cancer Fund or locally to Delaney Donates with the hope of putting an end to childhood cancer and providing comfort and services to those children and families going through treatment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 2nd day of September, 2015.

Mayor

