

Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** *the Museum of Western Colorado was incorporated 50 years ago on October 29, 1965 as the Museum of Arts and Science. In the spring of the following year, the Museum opened its doors in the former Whitman Elementary School; and*
- WHEREAS,** *in 1971, the Museum of Western Colorado received national accreditation from the American Association of Museums, now called the American Alliance of Museums. The Museum was 28th in the nation and the second in Colorado to qualify for this professional certification. Since then, the Museum has been reaccredited three times, which placed the Museum of Western Colorado in the top 1% of museums in the country; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the Museum of Western Colorado has expanded to include three different museums: Museum of the West, Cross Orchards Historic Site, and Dinosaur Journey, in addition to the Whitman Educational Center and the Loyd Files Research Library; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the Museum of Western Colorado is the largest multi-disciplinary museum between Salt Lake City and Denver. The Museum also has the largest artifact, specimen, and archival collection on the Western Slope; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the Museum of Western Colorado brings \$16 million in annual tourism spending to the Grand Valley, provides tour opportunities for thousands of school children, and is a vital component of the Grand Valley's standard of living; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the Museum of Western Colorado will celebrate its 50th Anniversary at its annual Fall Day at the Farm on October 24, 2015.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phyllis Norris, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim October 29, 2015 as

"MUSEUM OF WESTERN COLORADO DAY"

in the City of Grand Junction, and encourage all citizens to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of the Museum of Western Colorado to the community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 7th day of October, 2015.

Phyllis Norris

Mayor

