



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, premature birth, those babies born before 37 weeks, is the leading cause of newborn deaths; and

WHEREAS, among babies who survive, it can be a cause of serious lifelong health problems; and

WHEREAS, 5,516 babies were born preterm in the State of Colorado, representing 8.4% percent of all state births; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes has undertaken decades of groundbreaking research in maternal and child health, which has led to the discovery of lifesaving products and tests such as surfactant therapy for premature infants and tests to identify life-threatening birth defects; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes and its volunteers continue to advocate for national and state health policies and programs that affect women of childbearing age, infants, children, and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phyllis Norris, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the 17th day of November, 2015 as

"COLORADO PREMATURETY AWARENESS DAY"

in the City of Grand Junction and encourage all community members to learn about premature birth and join with the March of Dimes to fight it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 4th day of November, 2015.


Mayor

