

Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *May 21, 2016 is the sixth Kids to Parks Day organized and launched by the National Park Trust; and*

WHEREAS, *Kids to Parks Day empowers kids and encourages families to get outdoors and visit America's parks; and*

WHEREAS, *it is important to introduce a new generation to our nation's parks because of the decline in park attendance over the last decades; and*

WHEREAS, *we should encourage children to lead a more active lifestyle to combat the issues of childhood obesity, diabetes mellitus, hypertension, and hypercholesterolemia; and*

WHEREAS, *Kids to Parks Day is open to all children and adults across the country to encourage a large and diverse group of participants; and*

WHEREAS, *Kids to Parks Day will broaden children's appreciation for nature and the outdoors; and*

WHEREAS, *participation in the City of Grand Junction's junior golf programs will help to get kids outside and promote an active lifestyle, as well as honesty and integrity, while learning an outdoor activity that they may enjoy for the rest of their lives; and*

WHEREAS, *in order to help promote the game of golf to juniors, the City has very affordable golf fees for juniors and have added a family rate on Sunday afternoons at Tiara Rado Golf Course.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phyllis Norris, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim May 21, 2016 as

"KIDS TO PARKS DAY"

in the City of Grand Junction and urge residents of the community to encourage children to explore their neighborhood parks, outdoor activities, and sports, discover science, history, and nature, and find adventure right around the corner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 18th day of May, 2016.



Phyllis Norris

Mayor

