

Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** *crime is a menace to our society; it tears apart lives and breeds feelings of fear, anger, and helplessness. As caring citizens, we are obligated to do everything in our power to ensure our communities are not victimized by criminals; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the Crime Stoppers of Mesa County program has empowered the citizens of Mesa County to take a stand against crime. This program brings together businesses, citizens, law enforcement, school grades K-12 and higher educational institutions, and the media to combat crime and make our communities safer; and*
- WHEREAS,** *combining media awareness, cash rewards, and anonymity for tipsters, Crime Stoppers of Mesa County has created an effective method for solving crimes and helping citizens take back control of their neighborhoods; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Crime Stoppers has been particularly effective in Mesa County. Since 1983, Crime Stoppers of Mesa County has received 18,550 tips, which have led to 1,720 arrests and 1,598 cases cleared. That effort has resulted in \$269,000 in rewards paid to anonymous tipsters and \$9,051,156 in property and drugs recovered as of December 2016; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Crime Stoppers of Mesa County has forged strong working relationships with all area law enforcement agencies including: Colorado State Patrol, Fruita Police Department, Grand Junction Police Department, Mesa County Sheriff's Office, and the Palisade Police Department; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Crime Stoppers of Mesa County is undertaking a monthly campaign to increase awareness of community safety issues as well as awareness of its successful crime prevention and reduction efforts.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phyllis Norris, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim January 2017 as

"National Crime Stoppers Month"

in the City of Grand Junction and encourage all citizens of Grand Junction to join Crime Stoppers of Mesa County to increase their participation in the effort to prevent crime, thereby strengthening the communities in which they live.

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 January, 2017.

Phyllis Norris
Mayor

