

Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *individuals with development disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people; and*

WHEREAS, *the most effective way to increase this awareness is through everyone's active participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contribution; and*

WHEREAS, *policies must be developed, attitudes shaped, and opportunities offered for citizens with developmental disabilities to live as independently and productively as possible in our community; and*

WHEREAS, *we encourage all citizens to support opportunities for people with disabilities that include full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities.*

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

"Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month"

in the City of Grand Junction and offer full support to efforts that assist people with developmental disabilities to make choices that enable them to live successful lives and realize their potential; furthermore, we urge all citizens to take time to get to know someone with a disability and ask 'What's Your Story?' Every person's story holds a promise to educate and inspire others.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 15th day of March, 2017.

Mayor

