

# Grand Junction

State of Colorado

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** *the Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our nation's commitment to encourage progress, create opportunity, and expand development at the grass roots level in the developing world; and*

**WHEREAS,** *over 225,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps Volunteers and trainees in 140 host counties since 1961; and*

**WHEREAS,** *in 2016, 24,000 individuals volunteered for the Peace Corps and 3,800 were deployed; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Peace Corps Volunteers have made significant and lasting contributions around the world in agriculture, food security, business and civil society development, information technology, education, health and HIV/AIDS care and prevention, youth and community development, and the environment and have improved the lives of individuals and communities around the world; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Peace Corps Volunteers have strengthened the ties of friendship between the people of the United States and those of other countries, and they have been enriched by their experiences overseas, have brought their communities throughout the United States a deeper understanding of other cultures and traditions, thereby bringing a domestic dividend to our nation; and*

**WHEREAS,** *returned Peace Corps Volunteers nationwide are celebrating Peace Corps Week honoring the agency's 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phyllis Norris, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the week of February 26 through March 4, 2017 as**

***"Peace Corps Week Honoring their 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary"***

***in the City of Grand Junction and ask all citizens help recognize all past and current Peace Corps Volunteers.***

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

*Phyllis Norris*  
Mayor

