

Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Colorado has established the nation's first state-based Public Lands Day, and this May 20th will be the inaugural celebration; and

WHEREAS, Governor John Hickenlooper is coming to the Grand Valley to mark the occasion, and the Grand Valley and City of Grand Junction has a compelling story to share of communities embracing and connecting to surrounding public lands; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Valley's public lands are diverse and provide many benefits to our residents from recreational pursuits to other multiple uses. Public lands play a significant role in economic development, clean water supplies, and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, citizens and visitors to the City of Grand Junction enjoy the recreational, health, scenic, and economic benefits from nearby public lands, including the Colorado National Monument, McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area, the Lunch Loops, the Tabeguache Trail System, and the Bookcliffs; and

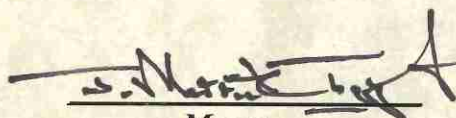
WHEREAS, Colorado Public Lands Day recognizes the significant and positive contributions that public lands within Colorado and the Grand Valley make to our quality and way of life. This day will encourage Coloradans to celebrate our public lands that support the vitality of our communities; and

Now, therefore, I, J. Merrick Taggart, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim May 20, 2017 as

“Colorado Public Lands Day”

in the City of Grand Junction and call upon all citizens to help recognize the Grand Valley's public lands and enjoy the diverse benefits to our citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 17th day of May, 2017.


Mayor

