

Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, beef and beef products sales account for 75% of Colorado's \$3.7 billion annual cash receipts from livestock sales, and account for 60% of Colorado's total cash receipts from all agricultural sales; and

WHEREAS, beef and beef products are the number one most valuable agricultural product in Mesa County, accounting for nearly the same cash sales as corn, fruits, hay, and other crops combined; and

WHEREAS, beef and beef products are the number one most valuable product of any kind exported from Colorado annually, and Colorado ranks fourth out of all states in the value of its beef exports; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Cattlemen's Association was formed in 1867 to represent the interest of beef cattle producers on issues of business, livestock theft, and governance in the Colorado Territory; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Cattlemen's Association is the oldest statewide livestock association in the United States, and it is celebrating its 150th anniversary at its annual convention to be held in Grand Junction June 12th – June 14th; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Cattlemen's Association currently has 46 local affiliated organizations, including the Mesa County Cattlemen's Association.

Now, therefore, I, J. Merrick Taggart, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the week of June 11 to June 17, 2017 as

"Colorado Cattlemen's Association Week

in the City of Grand Junction and call upon all citizens to help recognize and congratulate the Colorado Cattlemen's Association on their 150th Anniversary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 7th day of June, 2017.

J. Merrick Taggart
Mayor

