

Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, approximately 15-20% of the general population suffers from Irlen Syndrome which affects daily function due to the brain's inability to process visual information; and

WHEREAS, persons of all ages and ethnicities may experience Syndrome symptoms, which include light sensitivity, headaches or migraines, difficulty or discomfort when reading, eye strain, and distorted print text or environment; and

WHEREAS, evidence shows that brain injuries, chronic headaches, and migraines have also been linked to the Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, failure to identify and treat Irlen Syndrome can have severe consequences, ranging from academic and workplace failure or ongoing physical and emotional symptoms, to increased likelihood to enter the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Institute's Founder Helen Irlen says, "Irlen Syndrome is more common than heart disease or asthma, and affects daily quality of life in serious ways. By increasing awareness, we hope to move away from costly misdiagnoses and help sufferer's access readily available solutions."; and

WHEREAS, "International Irlen Syndrome Awareness Week" highlights the importance and ease of correctly identifying and treating Irlen Syndrome.


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 October 16-20, 2017 as

"IRLEN SYNDROME AWARENESS WEEK"

in the City of Grand Junction and urge all citizens to learn and share information about Irlen Syndrome in order that those affected may be more quickly diagnosed and treated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 20th day of September 2017.




Mayor

