

# Grand Junction

State of Colorado

## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, Open Streets events temporarily close a street to motorized traffic, allowing the street to be used for other activities such as walking, jogging, bicycling, dancing and other social activities; and*

*WHEREAS, since starting in Seattle in 1965, there are now more than 70 Open Streets events each year in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, with Open Streets events, people traffic replaces car traffic, and the streets become "paved parks" where people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds can come out and improve their mental, physical and emotional health; and*

*WHEREAS, Open Streets are a part of broad efforts to promote and extend the many benefits associated with active transportation and allow citizens to see and connect with their community in a new and exciting way; and*

*WHEREAS, the Urban Trails Committee is pleased to host the first annual Open Streets event locally on October 7<sup>th</sup> as the "Grand Junction Community Streets Event" from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The route will be on 10<sup>th</sup> Street from North Avenue to Main Street and on Main Street from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to 7<sup>th</sup> Street; and*

*WHEREAS, the Community Streets event will showcase the connection between Colorado Mesa University and Downtown Grand Junction and will offer a number of activities in each block along the route; and*

*WHEREAS, this inaugural Community Streets Event has overwhelming local support from nine sponsors and has over 20 groups and organizations participating; and*

*WHEREAS, the Community Streets Event will provide an opportunity for physical activity and fun in a safe environment, while promoting active transportation choices.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Merrick Taggart, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2017 as*

**"COMMUNITY STREETS DAY"**

*in the City of Grand Junction and call upon all citizens to COME PLAY IN THE STREET.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017.*

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Mayor

