

Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, public safety is a top priority in Grand Junction; and

WHEREAS, safety from fire is important both to citizens and local firefighters, who put their lives on the line with every response to fire; and

WHEREAS, first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 U.S. fire departments responded to 1,345,000 fires causing 3,280 fire fatalities, 15,700 civilian fire injuries, and \$14.3 billion in direct property loss; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Junction Fire Department is joining the National Fire Protection Association in teaching lifesaving messages in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week; and

WHEREAS, Fire Prevention Week's 2017 message "Every Second Counts, Plan Two Ways Out!" is an important reminder for all citizens of Grand Junction.

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 8 - 14, 2017, as

"FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"

in the City of Grand Junction. This week is commemorated across North America and supported by the public safety efforts of fire departments, schools, and other safety advocates in partnership with the National Fire Protection Association.

For more information on how you can support "Fire Prevention Week" go to FPW.org and develop your home fire escape plan.

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

Mayor

