

Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, In August, 2009 John Camper came to the Grand Junction Police Department as an Interim Chief from his position as the Division Chief of the Lakewood Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Interim Chief Camper was chosen from a field of 73 applicants as the Chief of the Grand Junction Police Department on February 7, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Chief Camper was involved with and responsible for many highly innovative and collaborative projects such as formation of the Homeless Outreach Team, the Employee Assistance Foundation, the formation of the Law Enforcement Latino Alliance (LELA) group, Latino Citizens Police Academy, Internal Affairs Audit Team, Peer Support Program and implementation of a new Incident Command and other "best practices"; and

WHEREAS, Chief Camper has honorably served the State as the Southwest Regional Chair of the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) as well as the 1st Vice President of the CACP and as the past Vice-Chair of the Colorado Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Board. He is also a past Vice-Chair of the Colorado Information Sharing Consortium. As well, he has served locally on the Hilltop Community Resources Board and as Chair of the Grand Junction Regional Communications Center Board and the Grand Junction Emergency Telephone Services Authority Boards (911 Board) and as Executive Board member of the Grand Junction Air Show. He serves on the Mesa County Forfeiture Board and the City of Grand Junction Employee Assistance Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Junction Police Department has earned and maintained the confidence and support of the citizens of the City of Grand Junction and Mesa County as well as the respect and admiration from law enforcement agencies in Western Colorado: Chief Camper has distinguished himself by completing the prestigious Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) Senior Management Institute and Session #76 of the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (LEEDS). He continues to serve as an active member of the Area Law Enforcement Executives (ALEE) and also a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the entire City Council, I am privileged to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to Chief Camper for his commitment to service and protection and the honor that has been bestowed with his commitment to the service of Grand Junction and the Grand Valley.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Merrick Taggart, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction and with the support and affirmation of all that know Chief Camper and appreciate his dedication, professionalism, humor, humility and compassion, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2017 as

"PUBLIC SAFETY DAY IN HONOR OF POLICE CHIEF JOHN CAMPER"

in the City of Grand Junction and urge all citizens, city employees and other law enforcement and public service agencies to thank John for his outstanding contributions to the City of Grand Junction and wish him the best as he continues to serve as the Director of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 30th day of November 2017.


Mayor

