

Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, crime is a menace to our society; it tears apart lives and causes feelings of fear, anger, and helplessness. As caring citizens, we are obligated to do everything in our power to ensure our communities are not victimized by criminals; and

WHEREAS, the Crime Stoppers of Mesa County program has empowered the citizens of Mesa County to take a stand against crime. This program brings together businesses, citizens, law enforcement, school grades K-12 and higher educational institutions, and the media to combat crime and make our communities safer; and

WHEREAS, combining media awareness, cash rewards, and anonymity for tipsters, Crime Stoppers of Mesa County has created an effective method for solving crimes and helping citizens take back control of their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Crime Stoppers has been extremely effective in Mesa County since 1983 having received over 19,400 tips, which have led to 1,730 arrests and the recovery of over 9 million dollars in drugs and property. Anonymous Crime Stopper callers have been rewarded \$270,000 for their valuable information; and

WHEREAS, Crime Stoppers of Mesa County has built strong working relationships with all area law enforcement agencies including: Colorado State Patrol, Fruita Police Department, Grand Junction Police Department, Mesa County Sheriff's Office, Mesa County District Attorney's Office and the Palisade Police Department; and

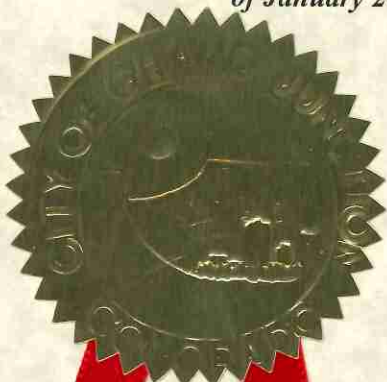
WHEREAS, Crime Stoppers of Mesa County is working to increase awareness of community safety issues and crime prevention efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Merrick Taggart, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim January 2018 as

"National Crime Stoppers Month"

in the City of Grand Junction and encourage all citizens of Grand Junction to join Crime Stoppers of Mesa County to increase their participation in the effort to prevent crime, thereby strengthening the communities in which they live.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 17th day of January 2018.



J. Merrick Taggart
Mayor

