

Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, TRiO, a collection of federally funded programs designated to prepare low-income and first-generation students (students from families whose parents do not have a four-year college degree) for college success, was founded in 1964; and

WHEREAS, TRiO refers to the first three programs of this nature that fell under the Higher Education Amendments of 1968, Upward Bound, Talent Search, and a program now known as Student Support Services; and

WHEREAS, the TRiO program, with the help of students, staff, and community members, has grown to eight programs that help students seek higher education; and

WHEREAS, the TRiO programs provide opportunities and access to services that assist students in their academic journey; and

WHEREAS, the TRiO Student Support Services Program at Colorado Mesa University served more than 150 students during the 2016-2017 school year with 83% returning to continue their education; and

WHEREAS, 93% of Colorado Mesa University TRiO students maintain good academic standing; and

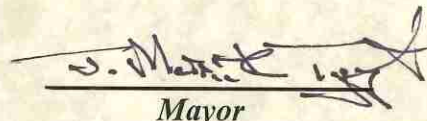
WHEREAS, National TRiO Day is a day to celebrate its positive impact on local communities and the nation, to reflect on the importance of education, and a time to act to protect further access to higher education

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Merrick Taggart, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim February 24, 2018 as

“NATIONAL TRiO DAY”

in the City of Grand Junction and encourage the citizens of Grand Junction to turn its attention to and increase awareness of the needs of disadvantaged young people and adults aspiring to improve their lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 21st day of February, 2018.


Mayor

