

Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Grand Junction Regional Communication Center is the regional Public Safety Answering Point for all of Mesa County, serving over 150,000 residents and two million visitors annually and providing dispatch services to 23 public safety agencies within Mesa County; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Grand Junction Regional Communication Center to serve those who protect, protect those who serve, help those in need, any time and every time by providing critical support to our nation's law enforcement, fire and rescue personnel; and

WHEREAS, availability of emergency services for police, fire and emergency medical care is paramount to citizen safety and community preservation; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of residents and visitors, including those with special needs and disabilities, require a high degree of care, compassion and focus, as well as a variety of communication services; and

WHEREAS, the telecommunicators of the Grand Junction Regional Communication Center work under challenging and stressful circumstances and truly are the initial first responders answering the call from citizens in need by providing a voice in the darkness and calm in the chaos; and

WHEREAS, 911 was established 50 years ago this year as the nationally recognized number to request immediate emergency assistance for police, fire and emergency medical services.

Now, therefore, I, J. Merritt Taggart, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the week of April 8 through April 14, 2018 as

"National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week"

in the City of Grand Junction and call upon all citizens to help recognize and support the goals and ideals of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week; honor and recognize the importance and contributions of the Nation's public safety communications professionals; and encourage the people of the United States and our community to remember the value of the work performed by public safety communications professionals.

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 March, 2018.



J. Merritt Taggart

Mayor

