Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *César Chávez has become an enduring symbol of our nation's commitment to encourage progress, create opportunity, and expand development at the grass roots level in the developing world; and*

WHEREAS, *on his birthday we celebrate a man who reminded us, above all else, that we all share a common humanity, each of us having our own value and contributing to the same destiny, and we carry forward his legacy by echoing his peaceful and eloquent calls for a more just and equal society; and*

WHEREAS, *César Chávez demonstrated that true courage is revealed when the outlook is darkest and the resistance is strongest, and we will find it within ourselves to stand up for what we believe in; and*

WHEREAS, *in the face of extraordinary adversity and opposition, he stood up for the inherent dignity of every person, no matter their race, color, creed, or sexual orientation, and for the idea that when workers are treated fairly they give meaning to our founding ideals; and*

WHEREAS, *we will also keep up our efforts to reform our nation's broken immigration system so more people can contribute to our country's success; and*

WHEREAS, *today, we honor César Chávez by continuing to fight for what he believed in, including a living wage for workers and their right to unionize and provide for their family. Workers should have a safe workplace and the comfort of knowing that if they work hard, they can feed their families, earn decent benefits, and gain the skills they need to move up and get ahead.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Merrick Taggart, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2018, as César Chávez Day.

Let us unite to reach for the America he knew as possible - one in which hard work is rewarded, prosperity is shared, and equal opportunity is the right of all our people.

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 March of 2018.

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Mayor