## Grand Junction

## State of Colorado

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Grand Junction; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Junction Parks & Recreation Department is dedicated to providing quality recreation and leisure opportunities that are managed with integrity and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

- WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and
- WHEREAS, the City has identified the Completion of Las Colonias Park as one of its highest priority projects; and
- WHEREAS, the Parks & Recreation Department in partnership with PLACE (People for Local Activities and Community Enrichment) are studying the benefits of a community Recreation Center; and
- WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month.

Now, therefore, I, Barbara Traylor Smith, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2018 as

"PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH"

in the City of Grand Junction and call upon all citizens to recognize and promote parks and recreation in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018.