

# Grand Junction

State of Colorado

## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, from America's earliest days, Hispanics have played an important role in our national heritage, and continue to embody the pioneering spirit of America today, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to faith, family, and hard work; and*

*WHEREAS, Hispanic-owned small businesses are the fastest growing businesses in America, growing at a pace 15 times the national average over the last decade. Hispanics own more than three million businesses and are a testament to the American promise that anyone can succeed in the United States through hard work; and*

*WHEREAS, Hispanics serve with honor in all branches of the Armed Forces, continuing a strong legacy of dedication to our country that has seen the Medal of Honor awarded to 60 Hispanics; and*

*WHEREAS, Hispanics lift up our communities and our economy as entrepreneurs, executives, and small business owners, and make contributions in areas such as science, art, music, politics, academia, government, and sports; and*

*WHEREAS, this month, we recognize the countless contributions of Hispanics that help make our Nation a thriving and secure land of opportunity with a Kick-off event at the Art Center on September 14, a Golf Tournament on September 15, Community Stories on September 22, Youth Night Showcase on September 29, Si Se Puede presentation on October 6, and a Closing Ceremony at the Botanical Gardens on October 13.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara Traylor Smith, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim September 15 – October 15, 2018 as*

### *“HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH”*

*in the City of Grand Junction and call upon public officials, educators and all Americans to observe this time with appropriate ceremonies, activities and programs.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018.*



*Barbara Traylor Smith*  
Mayor

