

# Grand Junction

State of Colorado

## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, Open Streets events temporarily close a street to motorized traffic, allowing the street to be used for other activities such as walking, jogging, bicycling, dancing and other social activities; and*

*WHEREAS, since starting in Seattle in 1965, there are now more than 70 Open Streets events each year in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, with Open Streets events, people traffic replaces car traffic, and the streets become "paved parks" where people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds can come out and improve their mental, physical and emotional health; and*

*WHEREAS, Open Streets are a part of broad efforts to promote and extend the many benefits associated with active transportation and allow citizens to see and connect with their community in a new and exciting way; and*

*WHEREAS, the Urban Trails Committee is pleased to host the second annual Open Streets event locally on October 20<sup>th</sup> as the "Grand Junction Community Streets Event" from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The route will be on 10<sup>th</sup> Street from Belford Avenue to Main Street; and*

*WHEREAS, the Grand Junction Community Streets Event will showcase the connection between Colorado Mesa University and Downtown Grand Junction and offer a number of activities in each block along the route; and*

*WHEREAS, this annual Grand Junction Community Streets Event has overwhelming local support from nine sponsors and has over 20 groups and organizations participating; and*

*WHEREAS, the Grand Junction Community Streets Event will provide an opportunity for physical activity and fun in a safe environment, while promoting active transportation choices.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara Traylor Smith, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2018 as*

**"COMMUNITY STREETS DAY"**

*in the City of Grand Junction and call upon all citizens to COME PLAY IN THE STREET.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.*

*Barbara Traylor Smith*  
Mayor

