

Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, on any given night over 1,500 youth in Colorado are living in shelters, staying with family or friends, or sleeping without a roof over their heads; and*
- WHEREAS, last year The House served over 260 homeless, unaccompanied youth; and*
- WHEREAS, homeless youth who receive assistance have demonstrated remarkable resilience by graduating from high school, finding employment and attending college; and*
- WHEREAS, homeless youth in Mesa County are today running their own businesses, attending Colorado Mesa University and serving as managers at Graff Dairy; and*
- WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction recognizes the potential of these young people and has provided support through Community Development Block Grants and economic funds made to The House- A Safe Place for Western Slope Teens- and through staff cooperation with the homeless service provider community; and*
- WHEREAS, addressing homelessness early has been demonstrated to provide a strong return on the investment; and*
- WHEREAS, awareness of the challenges of youth homelessness and its causes must be heightened to ensure greater support for effective programs aimed at preventing homelessness and help youth achieve futures of hope and promise.*

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 November, 2018 as

“GRAND JUNCTION HOMELESS AND RUNAWAY YOUTH AWARENESS MONTH”

in the City of Grand Junction and urge all citizens to recognize and support the needs of homeless and runaway youth 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 7th day of November, 2018.



Mayor

