

City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

- Whereas,** crime is a menace to our society; it tears apart lives and breeds feelings of fear, anger, and helplessness. As caring citizens, we are obligated to do everything in our power to ensure our communities are not victimized by criminals; and
- Whereas,** the Crime Stoppers of Mesa County program has empowered the citizens of Mesa County to take a stand against crime. This program brings together citizens, law enforcement, the media, businesses, and educational institutions, to combat crime and make our communities safer; and
- Whereas,** combining media awareness, cash rewards, and anonymity for tipsters, Crime Stoppers of Mesa County has created an effective method for solving crimes and helping citizens take back control of their neighborhoods; and
- Whereas,** Crime Stoppers of Mesa County has been particularly effective and since 1983 has received 19,900 tips, which led to 1,795 arrests and the recovery of over \$9 million in drugs and property. Anonymous Crime Stopper callers have been rewarded over \$300,000 for their valuable information; and
- Whereas,** Crime Stoppers of Mesa County has forged strong working relationships with all area law enforcement agencies including: Colorado State Patrol, Mesa County Sheriff's Office, and Fruita, Grand Junction and Palisade Police Departments; and
- Whereas,** Crime Stoppers of Mesa County is working to increase awareness of community safety issues and crime prevention efforts.

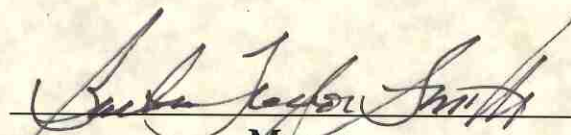
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara Traylor Smith, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the month of January, 2019 as

"National Crime Stoppers Month"

in the City of Grand Junction and call all citizens of Grand Junction to increase their participation in Crime Stoppers of Mesa County in the effort to prevent crime, thereby strengthening the communities in which they live.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 16th day of January, 2019.




Mayor