

**PROCLAMATION
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COUNTY OF MESA**

- WHEREAS,** four hundred years ago, on May 11, 1607, a small group of English colonists who had traveled across the Atlantic Ocean, set foot on the banks of the James River into a new and uncharted world; and
- WHEREAS,** these strong and determined people were hard workers, carving a fort out of the forest in nineteen days to establish the first permanent English settlement in North America; and
- WHEREAS,** we commemorate the 400th Anniversary of Jamestown and honor those colonists, whose strength, courage, and endurance were a toehold upon this continent and the beginning of the building of the strongest nation in the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, Craig Meis, Chair of the Board of County Commissioners of Mesa County, and Jim Doody, Mayor of the City of Grand Junction do hereby proclaim the week of May 11, 2007 through May 18, 2007 as a time of remembrance and reflection on the early beginnings of our Country and the 400th Anniversary of Jamestown in the City of Grand Junction and Mesa County, Colorado, and present this proclamation to descendants of the Jamestown Community and the Sons of the American Revolution, Grand Mesa Chapter and the citizens of Mesa County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hands and cause to be affixed the official Seals of the City and County, one hundred and twenty-four years from the founding of the Mesa County, one hundred and twenty-five years from the founding of the City of Grand Junction, and two hundred and thirty-one years of independence of the United States of America.

Jim Doody, Mayor
On behalf of the
Grand Junction City Council
May 16, 2007

Craig J. Meis, Chairman
On behalf of the
Mesa County Commissioners
May 14, 2007