

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** on July 26, 1990 President George H. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act – the world’s first comprehensive civil rights law for people with disabilities. The event represented an historical benchmark and a milestone in America’s commitment to full and equal opportunity for all of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** the President’s emphatic directive on that day gave the simple message that Americans with disabilities are full-fledged citizens and as such are entitled to legal protections that ensure them equal opportunity and access to the mainstream of American life; and

**WHEREAS,** the ADA reflects a recognition that the surest path to America’s continued vitality, strength, and vibrance is through the full realization of the contributions of all of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** on July 26, 1990, we as a county committed ourselves to the principle that a disability in no way diminishes a person’s right to participate in the cultural, economic, educational, political, and social mainstream. By eliminating barriers everywhere, from education to health care, from neighborhood streets to public transportation, from workplaces to shopping malls, and from courthouses to Congress, the ADA has opened up new worlds to people with disabilities. People with disabilities are participating more and more in their communities and living fuller lives as students, co-workers, taxpayers, consumers, voters, and neighbors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that Mesa County, together with the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2006 as

**“CELEBRATE THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT DAY”**

in the City of Grand Junction and Mesa County in recognition of sixteen years of civil rights progress for citizens with disabilities.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** we hereunto set our hands and cause to be affixed the official Seals of the City and County.

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**James J. Doody, Mayor**  
On behalf of the  
Grand Junction City Council  
July 19, 2006

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**Tilman M. Bishop, Chairman**  
On behalf of the  
Mesa County Commissioners  
July 17, 2006