



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice and opportunity for all, and challenged all Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union; Dr. King's teachings can continue to guide and inspire us in addressing challenges in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the King Holiday and Service Act, enacted in 1994, designated the King Holiday as a national day of volunteer service and charged the Corporation for National & Community Services with leading this effort; the Senior Corps is part of that organization and is comprised of the Foster Grandparent, Senior Companion and RSVP programs; and

WHEREAS, since 1994 millions of Americans have been inspired by the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to serve their neighbors and communities on the King Holiday; and

WHEREAS, the King Day of Service is the only federal holiday commemorated as a natural day of service, and offers an opportunity for Americans to give back to their communities on the; citizens of Grand Junction have an opportunity to participate in events throughout our state on the King Day of Service, January 17, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Foster Grandparent, Senior Companion and RSVP programs have planned local events to honor Dr. Martin Luther King and provide service to seniors throughout Mesa County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teresa Coons, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 17, 2011 as

"A DAY OF SERVICE"

in the City of Grand Junction and call upon the people of Grand Junction to pay tribute to the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through participation in individual and community service projects on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 5th day of January, 2011.

Mayor

