



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *senior citizens and persons with disabilities are vital members of our families, our society, and our community. Tragically, these residents are often vulnerable to assault, burglary, fraud, and other crimes because they cannot provide for their own care and protection. Raising awareness is a fundamental prevention strategy that involves not only teaching new information but also helping to change attitudes and behavior; and*

WHEREAS, *adult abuse encompasses many different types of harms and can occur in community or institutional settings; and*

WHEREAS, *abuse of elderly and disabled persons is a tragedy inflicted on a vulnerable segment of the population that crosses all socio-economic boundaries; and*

WHEREAS, *combating abuse of older people will help to improve the quality of life for seniors across Colorado, and will allow these vulnerable citizens to live as independently and vibrantly as possible; and*

WHEREAS, *Colorado's elderly and disabled citizens should be treated with respect and dignity as they continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers, and important and active members of our communities; and*

WHEREAS, *the observance of Adult Protection Awareness Month reminds us of our common responsibility to ensuring the health, safety, dignity, and well-being of all disabled and elderly adults.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Pitts, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2012, as

"ADULT PROTECTION AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Grand Junction and urge all citizens to reach out with compassion and respect to adults with a unique set of circumstances to make a difference in their quality of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 6th day of June 2012.

Mayor

