

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS, More than 5 million Americans are now living with Alzheimer's disease; and**

**WHEREAS, 10 million baby boomers will develop Alzheimer's disease in their lifetime unless we find better treatments and a cure; and**

**WHEREAS, There are currently 72,000 people in Colorado living with Alzheimer's and that number is expected to increase 140,000 by 2025; and**

**WHEREAS, 26% of the population of Mesa County is age 55 or older, and thus at increased risk of developing dementia; and**

**WHEREAS, Early detection is critical to qualify for clinical trials and in order to receive treatment medications and support from the Alzheimer's Association; and**

**WHEREAS, More research is needed in order to better understand Alzheimer's and develop new ways to accurately diagnose and treat Alzheimer's; and**

**WHEREAS, The local Alzheimer's Association office provides local families with counseling, education, support and a 24-hour Helpline – all free of charge to persons with the disease and their caregivers, families, and medical professionals; and**

**WHEREAS, The Alzheimer's Association is also working to raise awareness and money to support research and treatments, and ultimately to find a cure.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Hill, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim November 2009, as**

**“Alzheimer's Awareness Month”**

**in the City of Grand Junction and encourage all citizens to become aware of the need for awareness in the community.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2009.**

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**Mayor**