



# Grand Junction

State of Colorado

## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919; and*
- WHEREAS, the Legion's efforts resulted in the creation of the U.S. Veterans Bureau, the forerunner of the Veterans Administration; and*
- WHEREAS, the first "Flag Code" was drafted during a Legion conference in Washington on June 15, 1923; and*
- WHEREAS, the Legion created the American Legion Baseball program on July 17, 1925; and*
- WHEREAS, the first American Legion Boys State convened in Springfield, Illinois on June 23, 1935; and*
- WHEREAS, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the original GI Bill on June 22, 1944; and*
- WHEREAS, the Legion has made many contributions in many different areas including contributing funds to the field of mental health in 1950, implementing a Halloween safety program for children in 1971, contributing a \$1 million to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund in 1982, hosting Junior Shooting Sports National Air Rifle Championships in 1991, and awarding college scholarships in 1996; and*
- WHEREAS, President George W. Bush signed into law the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act on June 30, 2008; and*
- WHEREAS, the American Legion State Convention is being hosted in Grand Junction, Colorado from June 28 until July 1, 2012; and*
- WHEREAS, all Veterans are welcome at the convention.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Pitts, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim June 28<sup>th</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup> as*

***"AMERICAN LEGION DAYS"***

*in the City of Grand Junction, and encourage the entire community to support the efforts of the American Legion and thank all those who have served our country in the armed services and made so many sacrifices for our freedoms that we enjoy.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.*

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Mayor

