

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, trees are an important asset to the City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado, providing shade, shielding properties from wind and storms, reducing noise levels, acting as homes for wildlife, and providing oxygen for the air we breath; and

WHEREAS, trees enhance the beauty of the City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado, with various forms, textures and colors; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of Grand Junction, now and in the future, will benefit from the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has officially declared the 17th day of April as Arbor Day; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction will celebrate the 23rd day of April in our community with a fun and educational experience with kids to gain a greater understanding of the importance of trees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction is a recipient of a Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating a higher level of progress in its community forestry program during 2008; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction has been recognized as a Tree City USA for twenty-six years by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gregg Palmer, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim April 23, 2009, as

"ARBOR DAY"

in the City of Grand Junction and encourage all citizens to support our City's Urban Forestry Program and to participate in this effort by planting a tree for a better future.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 13th day of April, 2009.

Mayor