

**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 16<sup>th</sup> day of April as Arbor Day; and***

***WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction will celebrate the 24<sup>rd</sup> 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 2009; and***

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

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Hill, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2010, 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 WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.***

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***Mayor***