



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, this year Colorado's oldest shoe store will celebrate its 100-year anniversary; and

WHEREAS, it began with Bertrand M. Benge in October 1911 at 422 Main Street and in 1921 moved to its current location of 514 Main Street; and

WHEREAS, Harry Benge took over the operation from his father Bertrand in 1946 after he fought in World War II; Bertrand continued to work at the store until he was in his 90's; and

WHEREAS, Harry's son Bruce took over the store in 1976 and continues to operate the store today; and

WHEREAS, Benge's Shoes is one of the oldest family operated stores in Grand Junction; the Benge's have served generations of families throughout this past century; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Junction City Council is please to recognize this milestone for the store.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom Kenyon, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim October 3, 2011 as

“BENGE'S SHOES DAY”

for their 100th anniversary and congratulate them in the City of Grand Junction on this occasion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 21st day of September, 2011.

Mayor

