

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *the first ten Amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America, known collectively as the Bill of Rights, were formally adopted on December 15, 1791; and*

WHEREAS, *the Bill of Rights recognizes, affirms and protects fundamental individual civil rights for which persons of all races have struggled for thousands of years; and*

WHEREAS, *to preserve the rights and freedoms secured by the Bill of Rights, our forefathers and hundreds of thousands of men and women in succeeding generations have sacrificed, suffered and died; and*

WHEREAS, *the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights deserve perpetual celebrations; the sacrifices made to protect the Bill of Rights deserve eternal remembrance; and*

WHEREAS, *ratification of the U.S. Constitution in most states depended upon the adoption of the Bill of Rights. The 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, ratified in 1868, extended the federal Bill of Rights to citizens under state law; and*

WHEREAS, *to commemorate the Bill of Rights with a special day would honor the fundamental rights it enshrines and the sacrifices made to create and preserve these rights, and would proclaim these rights to the citizens of this City, to this County, to this Nation, and to the World.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *we, Janet L. Terry, Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, and James R. Baughman, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim December 15, 1998, as the first annual commemoration of*

“BILL OF RIGHTS DAY “

in the City of Grand Junction and County of Mesa.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *we have hereunto set our hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction and the County of Mesa this 15th day of December, 1998.*

*Janet L. Terry, Mayor
City of Grand Junction*

*James R. Baughman, Chairman
Mesa County Board of Commissioners*

