

**PROCLAMATION**

*On Behalf of the City of Grand Junction and the County of Mesa*

- WHEREAS,** *In 2005, approximately 5600 women in Colorado, and 200 in Mesa County will be diagnosed with breast cancer, and 900 will die from the disease; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Many women in our state lack health insurance and are unable to afford regular screening mammograms in accordance with national guidelines; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Early detection increases the 5 year survival rate to 97%. Mammography is the single best method for detecting breast cancer; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Junior Service League of Grand Junction annually holds the “Walk 4 Life” event the first Saturday in October; and*
- WHEREAS,** *100% of the funds from this event go to pay for screening mammograms for low income and uninsured women in Mesa County; and*
- WHEREAS** *Since 1998, more than 1000 women in Mesa County have received mammograms funded from proceeds from Walk 4 Life; and*
- WHEREAS,** *This event, a 3 mile walk, will be on October 1, 2005 and starts at the Western Colorado Botanical Gardens, 655 Struthers Avenue, and registration is open to the public.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Hill, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, and I, Tilman Bishop, by the power vested in me as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2005, as*

**" BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH "**

*and encourage support of the “Walk 4 Life” event by all community members and encourage all women in Grand Junction and Mesa County to become aware that they are at-risk and to check with their health care provider to see whether they should have a mammogram.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused to be affixed the official Seals of the City of Grand Junction and the County of Mesa these 21<sup>st</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> days of September, 2005.*

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*Bruce Hill, Mayor  
Grand Junction City Council*

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*Tilman Bishop, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners*