

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, motor vehicle safety is a public health problem, as more teenagers and children are killed in motor vehicle crashes than from any other cause, and motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for people from 4 through 33 years old; and

WHEREAS, in addition to pain and suffering, motor vehicle crashes cost the Nation \$150 billion each year, including \$17 billion in medical costs; and

WHEREAS, inpatient hospital care costs for unbuckled crash victims are 50 percent higher than for those who are buckled, and 85 percent of those medical costs are borne by society; and

WHEREAS, increasing seat belt use is the single most effective way to save lives and reduce injuries in crashes on America's roadways and

WHEREAS, a study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has affirmed that the correct use of seat belts has contributed to a decrease in the number of fatalities by up to 45 percent, and that the effectiveness of correctly installed child safety seats reduces fatal injury by 69 percent for infants and children; and

WHEREAS, to avoid getting a ticket, and lower your risk of getting hurt or killed, simply buckle up, every time you get in a car or truck.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Hill, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, do hereby officially proclaim support for the "Colorado Click It or Ticket" campaign, and encourage the public-private partnership among public officials, law enforcement agencies, associations, community and health groups and businesses to work to ensure that all children and adults buckle up; and, I support and encourage law enforcement in their efforts to promote and visibly enforce compliance of seat belt and child safety seat laws of Colorado to save lives, reduce injury and save Coloradoan taxpayer money. I do hereby proclaim May 9th – June 5th, 2005 as

"BUCKLE UP AMERICA MONTH"

and support the "CLICK IT OR TICKET" enforcement campaign May 9 through June 5, 2005 in the City of Grand Junction and encourage all citizens to wear their seat belts whenever riding in a vehicle.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 4th day of May, 2005.

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