

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** *The City of Grand Junction and the Mesa County Health Department participants and administrators of the May Mobilization education and enforcement campaign is committed to saving lives by increasing seat belt use and reducing the number of unnecessary traffic fatalities on Colorado roads; and*

**WHEREAS,** *more than two-thirds of traffic fatalities are attributed to seat belt non-use; and*

**WHEREAS,** *motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children and young adults ages 4 to 33 and the leading cause of quadriplegia and paraplegia; and*

**WHEREAS,** *we recognize seat belts play an important role in saving lives, preventing injuries, and reducing insurance and health care costs; and*

**WHEREAS,** *while Colorado laws enforce seat belt use, all of us must do what we can to stress the importance of buckling up; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the coordination of state and local efforts will enhance the overall efficiency and impact of this life-saving campaign.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doody, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, do hereby officially proclaim support for the*

***“BUCKLE UP, GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO — CLICK IT OR TICKET!”***

*May 21-June 3, 2007 and urge citizens of Grand Junction to use this period to demonstrate and reaffirm our commitment to buckling up and arriving alive to our destinations and encourage peace officers to increase public awareness of the risks associated with seat belt and child seat non-use. The City of Grand Junction also supports the education and enforcement activities that include conducting enhanced enforcement, distributing public information, collecting seat belt use data to measure progress, and supporting efforts to improve state legislation on the required use of passenger protection devices.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2007.*

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*Mayor*