

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *The City of Grand Junction and The Colorado Department of Transportation participants and law enforcement agencies of the May Mobilization Click It or Ticket education and enforcement campaign are committed to saving lives by increasing seat belt use and reducing the number of unnecessary traffic fatalities on Colorado roads; and*

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

WHEREAS, *motor vehicle crashes resulted in 206 unbuckled fatalities last year in Colorado and 12 of those were in Mesa County; 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, *it only takes two seconds to buckle up and save a life; and*

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gregg Palmer, 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 12-June 1, 2008 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 14th day of May, 2008.

Mayor