

**PROCLAMATION**

***WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and***

***WHEREAS, statistics of children who are abused and neglected escalate each year; and***

***WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities and need to be addressed by the entire community; and***

***WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and***

***WHEREAS, all citizens should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment.***

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Hill, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim April, 2006 as***

***“CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH”***

***in the City of Grand Junction and urge all citizens to recognize and support the needs of young children in our community.***

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 5th day of April 2006.***

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***Mayor***