

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, families, 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, Jim Doody, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim April, 2008, as

“CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH”

in the City of Grand Junction, and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.

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 April, 2008.

Mayor