



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, children are our greatest resource. Childhood cancer is especially tragic, rarely occurring, and is approximately one percent of all cancers diagnosed in a year; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 12,060 children in the United States will be diagnosed in 2012, and over 160,000 worldwide; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer, the most common forms of which are leukemia, brain cancer, and cancer of the central nervous system, is expected to take the lives of 1,340 American children in 2012; and

WHEREAS, although the causes of childhood cancer are largely unknown, research has advanced its successful treatment and offered a better quality of life to children coping with cancer and the side-effects of treatment; and

WHEREAS, the toll cancer takes on a child and family is unimaginable. Parents must cope with high treatment costs, stress, and the difficulties associated with caring for their family while being with their child for treatment, often having to travel or relocate to do so; and

WHEREAS, throughout this month we remember that these burdens are shared by countless dedicated healthcare professionals, organizations, and parent advocacy groups which support patients and families by offering advice, encouragement, hope, and financial assistance, and work tirelessly to lift the spirits of children suffering from cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Pitts, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim October 2012 as

“CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

in the City of Grand Junction, and encourage the entire community to support families coping with childhood cancer, offer encouragement to patients, remember lost loved ones, and appreciate the efforts of those who work to treat and support children experiencing cancer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 3rd day of October, 2012.

Mayor

