

## **PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) is celebrating 50 years of Honoring America's Legacy of Freedom; and*

*WHEREAS, from its humble beginnings in 1957 with a small group of ex-service pilots in Texas, the Commemorative Air Force has grown to an international organization with members in all fifty states and twenty-eight foreign countries, operating the eighth largest air force in the world and achieving international renown as an ambassador of goodwill; and*

*WHEREAS, dedicated to acquiring and restoring to flying condition the historic military aircraft since WWII, including the world's only flying examples of the B-29 and SB2C, the organization continues to serve a noble purpose by preserving the vintage combat aircraft in its fleet as a vivid reminder of the tremendous costs required to maintain peace and ensure liberty and justice for all; and*

*WHEREAS, the Rocky Mountain Wing of the CAF was created in Grand Junction in 1981, with the assignment of a World War II TBM Avenger Navy Torpedo Bomber. Subsequently, the Wing established a museum and added a Naval NE-1 Observation Aircraft (J-3 Cub); and*

*WHEREAS, on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Commemorative Air Force, as they continue to seek global peace and harmony among nations, those magnificently restored military machines serve as a particularly fitting reminder of the price of freedom and to honor those who have served and currently serve as the defenders of liberty; and*

*WHEREAS, on Saturday, July 14, 2007, the Rocky Mountain Wing of the CAF will host an OPEN HOUSE with static displays of its aircraft and other historic and contemporary aircraft at its facility at 780 S. Heritage Court at the Grand Junction Regional Airport.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doody, Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, do hereby proclaim Saturday, July 14, 2007 as:*

### **“COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE DAY”**

*in the City of Grand Junction and encourage all citizens to join the celebration of their 50th Anniversary.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, to be affixed this 14th day of July 2007.*

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*Mayor*