

Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, in 1983 a group of concerned citizens started Crime Stoppers of Mesa County which is a community based crime solving program; and
- WHEREAS, Crime Stoppers of Mesa County is made up of an eighteen member volunteer civilian board with various "advisors" from the Grand Junction Police Department and the Mesa County Sheriff's Office. Crime Stoppers also works with and assists all area law enforcement agencies; and
- WHEREAS, in the last 27 years since the program began, there has been 15,631 calls and 1,526 arrests with total rewards given of \$238,740. A total of \$1,356,636 of property and \$6,999,117 of narcotics have been recovered; and
- WHEREAS, several changes have been made to Crime Stoppers of Mesa County for submitting anonymous tips which can now be done by using their website at <u>www.241STOP.com</u>, or texting tips to TIP729 to CRIMES (274637) or still by regular phone at 241-STOP; and
- WHEREAS, for Crime Stoppers to be successful a continued cooperation of law enforcement, support from the media, and a willing public is needed; and
- WHEREAS, Crime Stoppers of Mesa County will be hosting the 25th Annual Crime Stoppers of Mesa County Golf Tournament on September 12, 2010. This is Crime Stoppers sole fund raiser and 100% of the proceeds stay with this program. The money raised is primarily used to give rewards but also for advertising, using a Crime Stoppers call center for after hour calls, supporting school programs, and obtaining up to date technology to enhance their tip taking capabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teresa Coons, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim August 25th as the

"Annual Kick Off for Crime Stoppers of Mesa County"

in the City of Grand Junction and urge all citizens to attend the kick off on the front steps of the Old Courthouse at 12 noon on August 25th in order to start another successful year of the local Crime Stopper program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 16^{th} day of August 2010.

and day

Mayor