



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, equality and universal access to education for every girl and boy are among the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals supported by 189 countries including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations established October 11 as the annual International Day of the Girl supported and co-sponsored by the United States and 97 other countries; and

WHEREAS, The "Day of the Girl" campaign calls on communities across Colorado to recognize that girls face many injustices such as discrimination, gender stereotypes, and lack of education; and

WHEREAS, we seek to empower girls in Colorado to fight for their rights so that they can be full and equal participants in society, and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction joins The Blossom Project and all girls in Grand Junction to support increasing girls' participation in sports, science and math-related activities, support improving the high school graduation rate for girls, and provide equal opportunities for all girls by speaking out against gender-based injustices, celebrating all girls' potential, and encouraging all girls to pursue their dreams.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Pitts, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2012 as

"DAY OF THE GIRL"

in the City of Grand Junction .

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 1st day of October, 2012.

Mayor

