



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, "Decide to Drive" is an awareness-building initiative and multimedia PSA campaign sponsored by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) and the Orthopaedic Trauma Association (OTA); and

WHEREAS, this campaign aims to education the public of all ages through PSA ads, media coverage, and public school communication; and

WHEREAS, School District 51, Rocky Mountain Orthopaedic Associates (RMOA), and St. Mary's Hospital (SMH) have joined forces to bring this national campaign to the Grand Valley; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, 3092 people were killed in crashes involving a distracted driving and an estimated additional 416,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver; and

WHEREAS, 1.6 million accidents a year are directly attributed to cell phone use and texting; 11% of all drivers under the age of 20 involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted at the time of the crash; and

WHEREAS, the local "Decide to Drive Task Force" will help educate the residents of the Grand Valley about the growing problem of Distracted Driving which is comprised of high school students from each of the area high schools.

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

"DECIDE TO DRIVE MONTH"

in the City of Grand Junction and encourage everyone who gets behind the wheel of a vehicle to make a conscious effort to focus on their driving and not allow distractions to interfere..

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 17th day of October, 2012.

Mayor

