

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Dorothy Ambrose Burgess was born on September 15, 1909 in Wheatridge, Colorado. Dorothy and her two sisters lived on the eastern slope until 1922, when the family bought a farm in Fruita and moved to the western slope; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy graduated from Fruita High School in 1926 and then attended Western State College in Gunnison, graduating with a degree in education; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy was a school teacher in Clifton for several years before meeting her soon-to-be husband Gaylen (Gay) Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy and Gay were married in 1931 and had two children Berton and Gaynell. She now has four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy and Gay started Gay Johnson's Tire Sales and Recapping Facilities in 1941 and they remained business partners for 50 years, although they had divorced and both remarried; and

WHEREAS, the two also owned service stations in Delta, Montrose and Cameo and also owned two in Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy married Arthur Burgess in 1957 and they were married thirty-five years until his death in 1992; and

WHEREAS, On September 15, 2009, Dorothy will turn 100 years young and will celebrate the event at Mesa View Retirement Living Center surrounded by friends and family.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Hill, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim this day September 15, 2009 as

"DOROTHY BURGESS DAY"

in the City of Grand Junction, and wish Dorothy a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY and wish her well in her celebration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 15th day of September, 2009.

Mayor