



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Guard and Reserve units comprise over 50 percent of America's military forces, with these brave and dedicated men and women playing a vital role in efforts to advance democracy, peace, and freedom throughout the nation and around the world; and

WHEREAS, Colorado National Guard and Reserve members within Colorado have deployed more than 17,000 times to defend this nation against those that would do us harm; and

WHEREAS, Members of our National Guard and Reserve train vigorously and work closely with our active duty forces, serving as equal partners in our integrated armed forces and spend time away from their families, communities, and workplaces while protecting our nation; and

WHEREAS, Our National Guard and Reserve rely on their civilian employers for essential support and encouragement that often come at the employer's expense; and

WHEREAS, As we face new challenges and welcome new opportunities, the continued support of patriotic employers remains vital to the success of our National Guard and Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week pays tribute to those serving our nation in the National Guard and Reserve, and to the employers whose continued support enables our National Guard and Reserve soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and coast guardsmen to defend our country with honor and distinction.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Mayors of the City of Grand Junction, City of Fruita, and Town of Palisade do hereby proclaim Friday, August 17th as

"Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Day"

and urge all the citizens of the City of Grand Junction, City of Fruita, and Town of Palisade to recognize the service of these military forces

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused to be affixed the official Seal this 17th day of August, 2012.

Grand Junction Mayor

Fruita Mayor

Palisade Mayor

