

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** *many cities throughout the nation, both large and small, are reducing pollutants through programs that provide economic and quality of life benefits such as reduced energy bills, green space preservation, air quality improvements, reduced traffic congestion, improved transportation choices, and economic development and job creation through energy conservation and new energy technologies; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the Grand Junction City Council has adopted a Strategic Plan for the City with one of the objectives being to “continue energy conservation efforts”; and*

**WHEREAS,** *in 2004, the City of Grand Junction adopted a Citywide plan to cut energy costs while reducing dependence on non-renewable resources; and*

**WHEREAS,** *out of that plan came the implementation of a number of policies including a “Vehicle Anti-Idling Policy” and an “Office Energy Use Policy” both of which propose to save thousands of dollars in costs and contribute to more efficient use of energy resources; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the City of Grand Junction has implemented other energy efficient pilot programs such as moving toward implementing weather-sensitive irrigation systems, installing automated lights in public restrooms, replacing light bulbs with more efficient wattages, re-roofing buildings with “green” roofing materials, and reducing the need for pumps at the wastewater treatment facility resulting in a cost savings alone of nearly \$300 per day; and*

**WHEREAS,** *beginning in 2005, the City of Grand Junction became a member of the Western Slope Clean Cities Coalition, a western slope multi-county, multi-agency task force organized by the U.S. Department of Energy to help increase the use of alternative fuels and encourage other energy-efficient approaches; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the City of Grand Junction urges other communities to consider doing the same.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Hill, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the Grand Junction City Council’s support of energy conservation efforts to work toward protection of our air quality, health and environment.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 5th day of April, 2006.**

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*Mayor*