

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: *Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act, which guarantees fair housing for all residents of the United States, was signed into law in April 1968; and*

WHEREAS, *the Month of April is nationally recognized as Fair Housing Month and a time to reflect on and reaffirm our national commitment to the ideal that fair housing opportunity is available to everyone in the United States without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status and disability; and*

WHEREAS, *this year's theme, Fair Housing: Building the American Dream for All, indicates a collaborative effort of HUD and its housing partners in realizing increased housing opportunities for every individual; and*

WHEREAS, *the State of Colorado, which enacted prohibitions against housing discrimination in 1959, the first state in the nation to pass anti-discrimination laws pertaining to private property, recognizing and affirming that all persons in the State of Colorado are free to purchase, rent, finance, and insure their homes without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, disability or source of income; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Grand Junction welcomes this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to the principal of fair housing for all and are committed to all efforts that address discrimination in our communities, support all programs that will educate the public concerning their rights to equal housing opportunity and to assure every person their right to live free of the fear of housing discrimination.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gregg Palmer, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2009, as

"FAIR HOUSING MONTH"

in the City of Grand Junction.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 28th day of April, 2009.

Mayor