

## **PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, strong families are a fundamental core upon which our nation was founded, and the strength of our families is vital to the success of our communities, state, and country; and*

*WHEREAS, we all should recommit to enhancing and extending all of the connections that strengthen and enrich families; and*

*WHEREAS, families offer direction for the future by nurturing values, traditions and standards for excellence, and are models for caring from birth through the aging years, serving as a foundation for a happy and productive adulthood; and*

*WHEREAS, during Thanksgiving week we all should take time to honor the importance of families, and recognize the special connections that support and strengthen families year-round; and*

*WHEREAS, the experience of growing up in a secure, loving family environment helps individuals develop talents that contribute to better citizenship and service in our communities; and*

*WHEREAS, everyone has a role to play in making families successful, including neighborhood organizations, businesses, nonprofit agencies, policymakers, and of course, families themselves;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doody, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim November 19 – 25, 2006 as*

**“ FAMILY WEEK ”**

*in the City of Grand Junction and encourage the citizens of the City of Grand Junction to join in this special observance.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2006.*

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*Mayor*