

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** *public safety is a top priority in Grand Junction; and*
- WHEREAS,** *safety from fire is important both to citizens and local firefighters, who put their lives on the line with every response to fire; and*
- WHEREAS,** *residents of Grand Junction must take action to prevent fires and to protect themselves if fire strikes; and*
- WHEREAS,** *awareness of simple safety practices can help lower our local fire death and injury rates; and*
- WHEREAS,** *working smoke alarms on every level, a home fire escape plan and regular drills are essential for every household in Grand Junction; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Grand Junction is joining the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) in teaching lifesaving messages in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the Fire Prevention Week 2006 theme, “Prevent Cooking Fires: Watch Your Heat!”, is an important reminder for all citizens of Grand Junction.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doody, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the week of October 8 through October 14, 2006, as

“FIRE PREVENTION WEEK”

in the City of Grand Junction. This week is commemorated across North America and supported by the public safety efforts of fire departments, schools and other safety advocates, in conjunction with the NFPA; and.

The City Council, on behalf of the Grand Junction Fire Department, takes this opportunity tell all citizens there are more than 100,000 fires caused by cooking nationally and is the leading cause of injuries from home fires. Most of those fires occur due to unattended cooking. Keep a safe zone of at least 3 feet from the stove for small children and if you leave the kitchen you should turn your stove off even if it is for a short period of time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 4th day of October 2006.

Mayor