P R O C L A M A T I O N

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 in teaching lifesaving messages in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week; and*

WHEREAS,   *the Fire Prevention Week 2008 theme, "It's Fire Prevention Week - Prevent Home Fires", is an important reminder for all citizens of Grand Junction.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gregg Palmer, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the week of October 5 through October 11, 2008, 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 National Fire Protection Association; and

The City Council, on behalf of the Grand Junction Fire Department, takes this opportunity tell all citizens that most fire deaths occur in the home because we are most vulnerable where we sleep. When the smoke alarm sounds, you and your family have only one or two minutes to easily escape. So we encourage everyone to have and practice a home fire escape plan and join the Great American Fire Drill. You can find more information on the Great American Fire Drill on the National Fire Protection Association web site nfpa.org.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 29th day of September 2008.

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                     Mayor