

**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 2009 “Stay Fire Smart! Don’t Get Burned”, is an important reminder for all citizens of Grand Junction.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Hill, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the week of October 4 through October 10, 2009, as*

**“FIRE PREVENTION WEEK”**

*in the City of Grand Junction and on behalf of the Grand Junction Fire Department to take 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. Statistics indicate only one out of four American families have planned and practiced their home escape plan. For more information on “Fire Prevention Week” go to [www.nfpa.org](http://www.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 day October 5, 2009.*

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*Mayor*