

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support, is the very foundation of our community; and*

WHEREAS, *in Mesa County there are approximately 300 children and youth in foster care being provided with a safe, secure, and stable home along with the compassion and nurture of a foster family; and*

WHEREAS, *all young people in foster care need a meaningful connection to a caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives; and*

WHEREAS, *foster, kinship, and adoptive families, who open their homes and hearts and support children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect, thereby launching young people into successful adulthood; and*

WHEREAS, *there are numerous individuals, public and private organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in foster care as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Hill, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim May, 2010 as

“FOSTER/KINSHIP PARENT APPRECIATION MONTH”

in the City of Grand Junction and urge all citizens to volunteer their talents and energies on behalf of children in foster care, foster parents, and the child welfare professional staff working with them during this month and throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 5th day of May 2010.

Mayor