



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on November 8th, 2012 the City of Grand Junction and local partners are honored to work with the U.S. Forest Service with help from their nonprofit partner, Choose Outdoors, to bring the 2012 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree to Grand Junction, Colorado and invites all people young and old to come celebrate this annual holiday tradition; and

WHEREAS, this gift to the nation is from the people of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree harvested in the White River National Forest near Meeker, Colorado continues a hallowed American tradition that originated nearly 50 years ago; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree provides the chance to recognize the U.S. National Forests, the outdoor recreation opportunities they provide, and the importance of stewardship and restoration of our nation's forests; and

WHEREAS, after 3,000 miles and 30 cities, the Tree will be placed on the west lawn of the U.S. Capitol and decorated with more than 5,000 ornaments handmade by Colorado children in the theme of the Tree, "Celebrating the Great Outdoors"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction will be in the limelight on the 8th day of November as our community unites with a fun and educational experience to gain a greater understanding of the importance of forest sustainability and to celebrate the great outdoors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Pitts, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim November 8, 2012 as

"2012 U.S. CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE DAY"

in the City of Grand Junction. He encourages all citizens to take a moment from their day to go see the 2012 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree and use this event as a reminder to get outdoors and enjoy the beauty that surrounds our great community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 7th day of November, 2012.

Mayor

