## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, Ride The Rockies is celebrating 25 years of successful cycling tours of Colorado, gaining international respect and providing memorable experiences for over 2,000 riders annually; and
- WHEREAS, Ride The Rockies selected Grand Junction for its first year starting point and is now returning to Grand Junction for the fourth time in 25 years; and
- WHEREAS, Ride The Rockies presence in Grand Junction has attracted positive media attention resulting in attracting new visitors; and
- WHEREAS, Ride The Rockies attendees bring an average economic impact of approximately \$500,000 to local businesses during their two night stay; and
- WHEREAS, since 2001 Ride The Rockies has awarded community grants in each host community along their route, giving 68 grants totaling over \$380,000 to Colorado communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teresa Coons, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim June 13, 2010 as

## *"GRAND JUNCTION RIDE THE ROCKIES DAY"*

in the City of Grand Junction and encourage all citizens to celebrate the efforts of those who help others meet personal physical challenges and emphasizing the generosity of an organization who is giving back to communities of this great state of Colorado.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2010.

Mayor