

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Herbert L. Bacon was born to E.L. and Oma Bacon in Bird City, Kansas on January 24, 1930; and

WHEREAS, Herb and his brother LeRoy grew up in a banking family in Kansas. Herb moved to Colorado in the late 1940's where he attended the University of Colorado in Boulder, graduating with both a bachelors and masters degree in economics; and

WHEREAS, Herb married Laura May Berger in 1951 and together they raised their five children here in Grand Junction; and

WHEREAS, For six decades Herb has been dedicated to making a difference in his community and across the western slope of Colorado with his involvement and leadership with many, many organizations including the Grand Junction Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce, St. Mary's Hospital, Mesa State College, United Way and the Goodwin Foundation. His family's foundation, the Bacon Foundation, has benefitted these and dozens of other non-profits through financial support; and

WHEREAS, Herb, a humble and modest man, has been recognized many times over by various organizations. He was Rotarian of the Year in 2000/2001, Civic Forum Citizen of the Year in 2002, Community Resource Center Legendary Leader in 2006 and became a Colorado Business Hall of Fame Laureate in 2007, just to name a few. Herb Bacon was instrumental in Mesa State College going from a two year school to a four year institution; and

WHEREAS, Herb continues to make contributions to this community by remaining active and involved in several organizations and represents philanthropy and inspiration amongst his peers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Hill, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do proclaim Sunday, January 24, 2010 as

"Herb Bacon Day"

in the City of Grand Junction and thank Herb for all his years of service and all of his contributions to this 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 20th day of January, 2010.

Mayor