



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, in 2012 The Grand Valley Coalition for the Homeless launched its ten year plan to end Homelessness with long term solutions and the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) and City of Grand Junction officials have been active participants; and*
- WHEREAS, School District 51 has identified 125+ students as Homeless in the current school year; and*
- WHEREAS, Homeward Bound sheltered 80+ families in the last year moving each toward housing stability; and*
- WHEREAS, on any given day in this community more than 150 individuals seek a meal from caring agencies; and*
- WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction has spent \$570,767 of Discretionary and/or Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to support homeless related programs since 2005; and*
- WHEREAS, HOT confirmed 39 "success cases" in which a transient was permanently removed from homeless and vagrancy status into housing; and*
- WHEREAS, in 2011 City Council approved a CDBG Grant in the amount of \$50,000 to purchase appliances and furnishings for the St. Martin's Place apartment complex for homeless veterans;*
- WHEREAS, since 2005, over \$560,000 in CDBG funding has been provided by the City for service providers related to homelessness and just this year, City Council approved over \$190,000 of CDBG funding to Karis Foundation to aid in the acquisition of a shelter for homeless teens, to Homeward Bound of the Grand Valley for expanding the homeless shelter building, and to Catholic Outreach for repair and remodel to their short-term, emergency housing unit.*

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

"HOMELESS AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Grand Junction and do so to raise awareness about the homeless in the City of Grand Junction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 3rd day of October 2012.

Mayor Bill Pitts

