



# Grand Junction

State of Colorado

## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was fought in Vietnam from 1959 – 1973, involving the North Vietnamese and the National Liberation Front in conflict with the United States forces and the South Vietnamese Army; and*
- WHEREAS, in 1965, U.S. combat troops initially composed mainly of volunteers arrived in Vietnam and by 1969 reached a peak of approximately 543,000 troops; and*
- WHEREAS, on January 27, 1973, the Treaty of Paris was signed declaring the release of all American prisoners of war and the withdrawal of all U.S. forces from South Vietnam. On March 29, 1973, the last U.S. troops left Vietnam; and*
- WHEREAS, now, nearly forty years later, many Veterans of the Vietnam War are still struggling with the physical and emotional wounds they endured from their time in battle. Many of these veterans have difficulty finding work and maintaining housing. The Welcome Home Veterans Day Organization estimates there are 131,000 homeless veterans in the United States; and*
- WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction recognizes that it is home to many Vietnam Veterans, some of which are homeless; and*
- WHEREAS, the City supports programs throughout the City that help the homeless and specific programs that help homeless Veterans. One such example is the funding provided to Grand Valley Catholic Outreach for the construction of housing for homeless Vets to be known as St. Martin's Place; and*
- WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction welcomes the Vet Hunters Project bike riders to the City and their efforts to raise awareness about this issue.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom Kenyon, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the of week of July 29, 2011 as*

### *“HOMELESS VETERANS AWARENESS WEEK”*

*in the City of Grand Junction and do so to raise awareness about homeless Veterans 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.*

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*Mayor Tom Kenyon*

