

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *Hospice and Palliative care affirms the inherent dignity and worth of every individual and reveres human life in all its stages; and*

WHEREAS, *Over 1,200 patients and families received comprehensive physical, emotional, social and spiritual support through hospice care in the Grand Junction area in the last year; and*

WHEREAS, *Hospice and Palliative care offers a special way of caring for those with serious illness, enabling them to live comfortably and peacefully, enhancing the quality of living; and*

WHEREAS, *Our community-based Hospice and Palliative care offers support to those with serious illness regardless of their ability to pay, providing over \$378,308 in uncompensated care in 2005; and provides comprehensive grief support to any child or adult in our community who has experienced a death loss; and*

WHEREAS, *Hospice and Palliative Care Month is an opportunity to encourage, honor and support the professional staff and volunteers, as well as Hospice and Palliative care patients and their families; and*

WHEREAS, *there is a great need to increase the community's awareness of the vital benefits Hospice and Palliative care provides and the hope it offers to patients and families.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doody, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim November, 2006 as

“HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH”

in the City of Grand Junction and we will actively encourage the support and participation of friends, neighbors, colleagues and fellow citizens in Hospice activities and programs now and throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 1st day of November, 2006.

Mayor