

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** *Hospice and Palliative Care of Western Colorado, our community's hospice, provided compassionate, comprehensive end-of-life care to almost 1,000 patients and families in the Grand Junction area in 2007; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Hospice is a service that goes to the patient – in their own home, nursing home, assisted living residence, hospital, or the new Hospice Care Center; and*

**WHEREAS,** *at Hospice and Palliative Care the quality of our lives and those we love, is their life's work; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Thousands of lives are touched each year through a variety of programs of Hospice by their 260 employees and 1,000 volunteers; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Hospice and Palliative Care of Western Colorado, a non profit organization built by the generosity of our community, provided more than \$800,000 in uncompensated care in 2008; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Hospice provides grief support to any child, adult or family in our community through a variety of programs including grief camps, groups in District 51 schools and counseling at the Miller Homestead; and*

**WHEREAS,** *We all need to understand the value of early enrollment in Hospice so that individuals and families can have time to prepare for the final journey; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Hospice and Palliative Care Month is a unique opportunity to increase the public's awareness of Hospice and acknowledge the community that makes it all possible.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gregg Palmer, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim November, 2008 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2008.**

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*Mayor*