



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Hospice and Palliative Care of Western Colorado, our community's hospice for the past 17 years, provided compassionate, comprehensive end-of-life care to more than 1,450 patients and families in 2009; and

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

WHEREAS, Hospice care is made possible by for 1000 volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Hospice and Palliative Care, built by the generosity of our community, provided more than \$800,000 in uncompensated care in 2009; provides grief support to any child, adult or family in our community; and

WHEREAS, Everyone needs to "know hospice before they need it," and how important early enrollment in Hospice is 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 Teresa Coons, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim November, 2010 as

"HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH"

in the City of Grand Junction and ask that the City Council 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, 2010.

Mayor

