PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction is home to many immigrants from all over the world; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction honors the dignity of all city residents, regardless of nationality, and recognizes the importance of their many contributions to the social, religious, cultural and economic life of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction and other local jurisdictions have a major stake in just and fair comprehensive immigration reform; and

WHEREAS, the United States urgently needs new legislation to ensure the rights and dignity of all people and that all are protected; and

WHEREAS, the United States is a beacon of hope for people all over the globe seeking a better life and peaceful future; and

WHEREAS, December 18th is recognized by the United Nations as the "International Day of the Migrant", and is a day for our Country to look closely at our immigration policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Hill, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction do hereby proclaim December 18, 2009 as

"International Day of the Migrant"

in the City of Grand Junction and encourage support of comprehensive immigration reform in order to provide fair and just solutions to our nation's immigration situation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 14th day of December 2009.

Mayor