

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS, Joe Higgins has served this community for more than two decades as Executive Director of Mesa County Partners, whose programs provide prevention and intervention services to high risk youth and delinquent offenders; and**

**WHEREAS, Joe was appointed by the Governor in 1984 to State Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Council and in 2004 to the Federal Juvenile Justice Advisory Commission; and**

**WHEREAS, Joe Higgins helped to rewrite the Colorado Children's Code; and**

**WHEREAS, Joe has logged more river miles on rafts filled with exuberant junior and senior Partners than perhaps any other person on the planet; and**

**WHEREAS, Joe Higgins has been an active member of the Grand Junction Kiwanis Club for 14 years. The Kiwanis Club serves and supports organizations dedicated to helping the youth in the community, just like Joe has dedicated his life.**

**WHEREAS, Joe rarely tells anyone 'no' and when he says 'yes' always gives more than is asked for. He also looks for the inherent goodness in all people and believes in the incredible potential of our youth; and**

**WHEREAS, Joe Higgins has accepted the prestigious Hope Award from the Colorado Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society which further exemplifies his generosity.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Hill, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, on behalf of the Grand Junction City Council and all citizens of Grand Junction do hereby recognize and honor the Executive Director of Mesa County Partners and proclaim**

**“Joe Higgins Day”**

**in the City of Grand Junction this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2006 and thank Joe for all his years of service and all of his contributions to this community.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 30th day of March, 2006.**

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**Mayor**