Grand Junction

State of Colorado PROCLAMATION

the Grand Junction community has been shaped throughout its history by the wide-ranging vision of many colorful and interesting

men and women; and

WHEREAS,

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the stories of these significant men and women are to be told and retold through a walking tour of history for the benefit of those who love Grand Junction – its current and future children, residents, visitors and history-seekers; and

WHEREAS, the many and distinctive people who create Grand Junction's unique sense of place have come and gone, and will continue to do so; and

WHEREAS, people, time and events create the future; and

WHEREAS, leaders act, the future unfolds, and the people and their deeds fade into the mists of the past; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction was Colorado's first municipality to win the prestigious Governor's Award for wide-ranging use of arts and culture to build community; and

- WHEREAS, a team of local citizens has created a public, private partnership with area business leaders, local arts and historical communities to create The Legends of the Grand Valley Sculpture Project; and
- WHEREAS, The Legends of the Grand Valley Sculpture Project annually erects a sculpture depicting part of Grand Junction's history; and
- WHEREAS,these sculptures will be held in public trust as part of downtownGrand Junction's Art on the Corner; and

WHEREAS, the fifth of these sculptures commemorates the 50th anniversary of "Operation Foresight", a redesign of the City's Main Street which revitalized the downtown and brought national recognition to the City of Grand Junction including the prestigious "All American City" designation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Pitts, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 7, 2012 as

"LEGENDS OF THE GRAND VALLEY – OPERATION FORESIGHT DAY"

in the City of Grand Junction, and encourage the entire community to support The Legends Sculpture Project in its efforts to both preserve the history and add to the beauty of our City. The community is encouraged to participate in the celebration of this 50th Anniversary by attending the sculpture unveiling at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, September 7th and the activities being held in downtown Grand Junction on Saturday, September 8th.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 5th day of September, 2012.

Mayor