

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** *According to the Colorado Department of Public Health, cancer is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death in Grand Junction, and in the State of Colorado; and*

**WHEREAS,** *St. Mary's Regional Cancer Center serves 1,200 new cancer patients every year; and*

**WHEREAS,** *3 out of 4 people in their lifetime will have a family member diagnosed with cancer, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 2 men will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime, and 1.4 million people will be diagnosed this year; and*

**WHEREAS,** *There was over 19,000 new cases of cancer in Colorado this past year; and*

**WHEREAS,** *More than 565,000 Americans are expected to die from cancer this year, African-American men and women have the highest mortality rates for all cancer sites combined, and cancer is the number one killer of those under age 85 and the cost of cancer last year was \$210 billion; and*

**WHEREAS,** *We are committed to ensure all cancer patients are treated with compassion and respect, and are provided with the tools and resources necessary to battle the physical, emotional and practical challenges of a cancer diagnosis; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Grand Junction is home to St. Mary's Regional Cancer Center which is recognized by the Lance Armstrong Foundation as a LIVESTRONG™ Survivorship Center of Excellence Network Affiliated since January 2006; and LIVESTRONG™ Day exemplifies the spirit of people affected by cancer-survivors, caregivers, friends, family, physicians, nurses, social workers and researchers throughout Grand Junction.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doody, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do recognize May 13, 2008, as*

### **"LIVESTRONG DAY"**

*in the City of Grand Junction, and call on businesses, organizations, and citizens throughout our community by uniting people affected by cancer, raising awareness and provide the tools and resources necessary to battle the physical, emotional and practical challenges of a cancer diagnosis.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008.*

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*Mayor*