



# Grand Junction

State of Colorado

## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, Premature birth, those babies born before 37 weeks, is the leading cause of newborn deaths; and*

*WHEREAS, Among babies who survive, it can be a cause of serious lifelong health problems; and*

*WHEREAS, One in eight Colorado babies is born too soon; and*

*WHEREAS, Prematurity takes an enormous toll on families and costs society billions of dollars; and*

*WHEREAS, Most people are unaware of this common and serious problem; and*

*WHEREAS, the March of Dimes, known for conquering the epidemic of polio, is now bringing people together to promote awareness and fight the crisis of prematurity.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I Teresa Coons, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010 as*

### **"MARCH OF DIMES DAY"**

*in the City of Grand Junction and encourage all community members to learn about premature birth and join with the March of Dimes to fight it.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010.*

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Mayor

