

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, Forty-six years ago Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke of his dream for America to a quarter million Americans gathered at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. while tens of millions viewed at home; and*
- WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr. was a minister who dedicated his life for this purpose so we may, as Americans, truly live out the Declaration of Independence as we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and*
- WHEREAS, that all men, regardless of the color of their skin, the persuasion of their theology, or the level of their intelligence, were created by one God with one blood, designed and fashioned to live on one earth with one another; and*
- WHEREAS, Since Dr. King's speech in 1963, America has elected her first African-American president, while Mexican-Americans, women and other minorities fill dominant positions in our government and communities across this great nation of ours. We, as a nation, have stepped closer to the ideals set forth in the Declaration of Independence; Dr. King would be proud; and*
- WHEREAS, the third Monday of each January be acknowledged as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in Grand Junction, not as a city holiday but as a day to acknowledge a great American who awakened a nation's conscience to not judge a person by the color of their skin but by the content of their heart.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gregg Palmer, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim January 19, 2009 as*

*“MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY”*

*in the City of Grand Junction and encourage the citizens of Grand Junction to observe this day with appropriate activities and programs that honor the memory and legacy of Dr. King.*

*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 January, 2009.*

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*Mayor*