

**PROCLAMATION**

***WHEREAS, This great country was founded on the basic principles of guaranteed life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and***

***WHEREAS, At times those basic principles are challenged and threatened by those who would wish us harm or wish to see our nation weakened; and***

***WHEREAS, The brave men and women of the U.S. military, today and always, selflessly and tirelessly work to protect and preserve those basic principles; and***

***WHEREAS, This great nation would not be what it is today were it not for the humbling sacrifices members of the military make every day in the pursuit of preserving life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all of us.***

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teresa Coons, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim May 2010 as***

***"MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH"***

***in the City of Grand Junction and urge all our residents to reflect on the Men and Women of the U.S. Military, past and present, living and deceased, and their families, and to extend your gratitude, support and appreciation for their sacrifices, dedication, and service to our country.***

***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 May, 2010.***

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***Mayor***