

**PROCLAMATION**

***WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction, Colorado has long understood the value of caring for and celebrating children of service members; and***

***WHEREAS, April has been designated the Month of the Military Child since 1986 by then Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger thereby underscoring the important role military children play within the armed forces community; and***

***WHEREAS, the Month of the Military Child is a time to applaud military families and their children for the daily sacrifices they make and the challenges they overcome; and***

***WHEREAS, military children face many obstacles unique to their situation, such as having a parent deployed for extended periods of time and frequently being uprooted from school as well as living with uncertainty and concern for their parents on a daily basis; and***

***WHEREAS, the Month of the Military Child stresses the importance of providing children with quality services and support to help them succeed in the mobile military lifestyle.***

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doody, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2008 as***

***“MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD”***

***in the City of Grand Junction and urge all citizens to recognize and support the needs of military children in our community.***

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.***

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***Mayor***