



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, July 2, 2012, marks the sesquicentennial of the Morrill Act, supported, encouraged, and signed by President Abraham Lincoln, granting public lands to states and territories in support of colleges to promote "liberal and practical education ... in the several pursuits and professions in life"; and*
- WHEREAS, the Act served to open colleges and universities to all with the ability and will to learn, irrespective of heredity, occupation, or economic status; and*
- WHEREAS, land-grant colleges and universities conduct research and teach the citizens of the states and the people of other nations, particularly developing nations, seek solutions to economic, social, and physical problems and enrich the lives of many people; and*
- WHEREAS, land-grant colleges and universities have historically and currently maintained close cooperative relationships with the United States Department of Agriculture and other departments and agencies of the federal, state, and local governments; and*
- WHEREAS, the City Council desires to issue this proclamation recognizing the sesquicentennial of the establishment of the land-grant system of universities and colleges, including but not limited to Colorado State University and its local influences in the form of the CSU Extension Service and Research Center.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Pitts, Mayor of the City of Grand Junction do hereby proclaim that it is fitting and proper to commemorate the

"Sesquicentennial of the Historic Morrill Act"

in the City of Grand Junction and request that the citizens of the City commemorate and recognize Colorado State University and the other land-grant universities and colleges throughout the nation by recognizing the historical and present cooperative relationships of such institutions with the communities and people that they and their graduates, teachers, researchers, and programs serve and urge that the sesquicentennial be celebrated to the end that the occasion may serve to commemorate the unparalleled opportunities for higher education provided by those publicly supported institutions and their efforts to improve the economic, social, and cultural lives of the people that they serve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal this 1st day of August, 2012.

Mayor

