

PROCLAMATION

**NATIONAL 4-H WEEK
OCTOBER 4-10, 2009**

WHEREAS, *the 4-H organization is a progressive and responsive youth development educational system that develops, delivers, and evaluates programs that enhance the life-skill development of youth; and*

WHEREAS, *the 4-H Youth Development program creates an educational environment for positive development of culturally diverse youth which enables them to reach their fullest potential; and*

WHEREAS, *4-H programs are conducted in 3,150 counties of the United States, with programs also in the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Micronesia, and the Northern Mariana Islands; and*

WHEREAS, *4-H alumni (enrolled in 4-H since its beginning in the early 1900's) now total about 45 million; and*

WHEREAS, *today, 4-H involves more than 6.5 million young people from the city, farm, and in between, in learning practical skills in hundreds of projects to develop attitudes and habits that help them meet the challenges of today and tomorrow; and*

WHEREAS, *the 4-H motto is "To Make the Best Better"; and*

WHEREAS, *the 4-H slogan is "Learn by Doing."*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Hill, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2009 as

"National 4-H Week"

in the City of Grand Junction encourage all citizens to support the this valuable program.

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 October, 2009.

Mayor