

Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the tradition of the clown can be traced from ancient Egypt to the Greco-Roman world, to the royal jesters of Europe, and finally to Emmett Kelly and Lou Jacobs of America; and*
- WHEREAS, the clown gladdens the heart, lightens the spirit, and brings smiles to the faces of children and adults alike, and for a few precious moments reminds us of the healing power of humor in our daily lives; and*
- WHEREAS, the clown can be seen performing at such places as charitable organizations, community celebrations, and public institutions for no other reason than to help boost the morale of those around them; and*
- WHEREAS, "Pickles" the Clown is a volunteer that performs as a certified Ambassador of Clowning since 2009; a member of Clowns of America International (C.O.A. I.) since 2006, performs at special events like "The Family Fun Camp Out" at the Colorado Monument, "Fun Fest" by PBS, and continues to educate the public about the history of clowning at free seminars once a month at Mesa Mall; and*
- WHEREAS, "Pickles" brought C.O.A.I. Clown Classes to Grand Junction and the first class will graduate July 7, 2012; and*
- WHEREAS, the men and women who dedicate their lives to this tradition should be recognized for the outstanding and meaningful contributions they make in our great state of Colorado; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Pitts Mayor of the City of Grand Junction do hereby proclaim the week of August 1st through August 7th as

"National Clown Week"

in the City of Grand Junction and call public attention to the charitable activities of clowns and especially "Pickles" the Clown has provided to our citizens throughout the City of Grand Junction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal this 18th day of July, 2012.

Mayor

