

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *June 21, 2007 marks Second Annual National Dump-the-Pump Day to raise public awareness about public transportation and its benefits by encouraging people to ride public transportation; and*

WHEREAS, *by “dumping the pump” and taking the Grand Valley Transit bus system instead of driving, riders can save several thousand dollars each year; and*

WHEREAS, *by “dumping the pump”, people can reduce traffic on roads all over the Grand Valley; and*

WHEREAS, *by “dumping the pump”, people can consume less gasoline while reducing our nation’s overall dependence on foreign oil; and*

WHEREAS, *by “dumping the pump”, people can make a difference and help improve the environment; and*

WHEREAS, *public transportation plays an important role in protecting air quality by reducing emissions per passenger-mile, when compared to private vehicles; and*

WHEREAS, *U.S. public transportation use saves 1.4 billion gallons of gasoline per year – the equivalent of 108 million cars filling up in a year.*

Now therefore, I, Jim Doody, Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, do hereby proclaim June 21, 2007, as

"National Dump the Pump Day"

in the City of Grand Junction, Colorado and that GRAND VALLEY TRANSIT will join with transit agencies across the country in offering free rides to everyone on all GVT buses on the Second Annual National Dump-the-Pump Day, June 21, 2007.

ALSO BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT public transportation is an important part of our nation’s transportation system and people want to have other options than driving a car.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 20th day of June, 2007.

Mayor