



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, as a country, we often deny growing old, and are consumed with living better, longer and maybe forever; and

WHEREAS, we must all die and it should be possible to live and “die well”; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Advance Care Planning is to reflect, share and learn about specific steps one can take to manage a serious illness or end-of-life care; and

WHEREAS, a health care agent is someone who knows one’s values and goals; who will honor their wishes; who is willing and able to make decisions; who has the time and who agrees to serve; and

WHEREAS, communicating end-of-life wishes involves introducing the conversation, exploring personal beliefs and choices, and defining and documenting these wishes; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of the importance of completing an Advance Directive is the goal of National Health Care Decisions Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teresa Coons, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2011 as

“NATIONAL HEALTH CARE DECISIONS DAY”

in the City of Grand Junction and urge all citizens to make their health care wishes known to assure that their personal beliefs and preferences will be honored during a time of medical crisis.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 4th day of April 2011.

Mayor

