

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, many people in our community are struggling to make ends meet as fuel and food costs continue to increase; and*

*WHEREAS, in Colorado, only 34% of working families who are financially eligible to receive food stamps are participating in the program; and*

*WHEREAS, food banks are being depleted at the end of each month; and*

*WHEREAS, there are numerous food assistance programs available to individuals and families in our community who can participate in more than one program at a time; and*

*WHEREAS, every resident in Mesa County should have enough to eat and sufficient nutrition to carry out the daily tasks of life.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gregg Palmer, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the month of September as*

**“NATIONAL HUNGER ACTION MONTH”**

*in the City of Grand Junction and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in support of our efforts to prevent food insecurity among individuals and families thereby strengthening the community in which we live.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2008.*

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*Mayor*