

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, Mesa Youth Services, Inc. D.B.A. Mesa County Partners, has served the youth in this county since 1977, building quality mentoring relationships for youth from high-risk environments; and*

*WHEREAS, Partners is one of the primary Mesa County organizations serving youth; and*

*WHEREAS, Partners also benefits the community in many ways with various programs, teaching youth responsible behaviors thus guiding them to make better decisions; and*

*WHEREAS, The Partners' mission is "To make a difference in the lives of young people by helping them develop a positive self image, a sense of belonging and an acceptance of responsibility for their actions"*

*WHEREAS, scientific research demonstrates that children who have significant adults in their lives perform better in school, develop healthy attitudes and mature into productive citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, Partners wants to recognize all the adult mentors who have guided many young people in this community, helped them grow into useful and valuable citizens of this and other communities.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gregg Palmer, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim January, 2009 as*

**"NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH"**

*in the City of Grand Junction and encourage all citizens to be appreciative of those men and women who have dedicated their time to work with young people, both through the Partners program, and through the many other youth programs in the community, and to encourage any adult to get involved in mentoring our youth to build a better future.*

*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 January, 2009.*

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*Mayor*