



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, NeighborWorks® Week was initiated in 1984 by a United States congressional resolution cosponsored by more than 240 members of Congress and signed by President Reagan; and

WHEREAS, the formal introduction of NeighborWorks® Week occurred in the spring of 1986 and began an annual, national celebration held the first through the second Saturday in June; and

WHEREAS, NeighborWorks® Week is a celebration of neighborhood pride and unity among organizations in more than 4,414 urban, suburban, and rural communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, NeighborWorks® Week celebrates the efforts of local organizations working with partners and volunteers to create healthier communities; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the funding for the Mutual Self Help Housing Program at Housing Resources of Western Colorado comes from USDA Rural Development; and

WHEREAS, USDA Rural Development has proclaimed the month of June as "National Homeownership Month" to recognize their efforts in helping Americans realize their dream of homeownership; and

WHEREAS, Housing Resources of Western Colorado, a NeighborWorks® America organization, has worked in Mesa County for 35 years and has built 292 Energy Star Self Help homes since 1997, rehabbed 200 homes since 1991, and preserved 176 rental units since 1998. Housing Resources has also weatherized over 2,500 units on Colorado's western slope.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Pitts, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 2 through Saturday, June 9, 2012, as

"NATIONAL NEIGHBORWORKS® WEEK"

and the month of June 2012 to be

"NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH"

in the City of Grand Junction and urge all citizens to participate in the activities planned by Housing Resources of Western Colorado on June 2nd.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 16th day of May 2012.

Mayor

