



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, America's system of public lands includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, gardens, and other landmark areas throughout the nation that individually and collectively represent irreplaceable national resources; and*
- WHEREAS, public lands provide locally accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation, and recreation; and*
- WHEREAS, public lands promote civic ideals that include shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership; and*
- WHEREAS, shared stewardship requires the goodwill, cooperation, and active support of citizens, community, city and state officials, business leaders, children, and adults; and*
- WHEREAS, recreation opportunities offered by public lands help families lead a more active lifestyle and reduce the incidence of childhood obesity; and*
- WHEREAS, land conservation efforts improve access to public lands by urban residents and work to break down the barriers that prevent Americans from actively utilizing their public lands; and*
- WHEREAS, an alliance between private citizens, land managers, and community leaders improves the condition of publicly held lands for the greater enjoyment and enrichment of all Americans; and*
- WHEREAS, National Public Lands Day, co-sponsored by the National Environmental Education Foundation, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Defense, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Park Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the USDA Forest Service has become an annually anticipated event for local participation on publicly held lands in Grand Junction; and*
- WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction is located in Mesa County which is over 50% public land as well as within a short distance to three National Conservation Areas and one National Monument protecting world class opportunities for recreation, education, science, and wildlife while bringing tourist dollars to the local economy.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Pitts, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 29, 2012 as

“NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY”

in the City of Grand Junction and call upon the people of Grand Junction to recognize and participate in this special observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 15th day of August 2012.

Mayor

