

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** *travel and tourism is one of America's largest service exports providing a trade surplus of \$2.6 billion last year and it is one of the nation's largest employers with a total of 7.2 million jobs, that is, one in every eight people; and*
- WHEREAS,** *including the \$80.2 billion spent in the U.S. by international visitors, travel and tourism generated \$555 billion last year, providing \$95 billion in tax revenue to local, state, and federal governments; and*
- WHEREAS,** *25.8 million travelers visit Colorado contributing \$7.53 billion to Colorado's economy; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the travel and tourism industry supports the vital interests of Grand Junction, Colorado contributing to our employment, economic prosperity, international trade and relations, peace, understanding, and goodwill; and*
- WHEREAS,** *travel and tourism ranks as one of Grand Junction's largest industries in terms of revenues generated, generating over 407 million dollars in taxable sales; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the travel and tourism industry provides 7,638 jobs in Grand Junction; and*
- WHEREAS,** *as people throughout the world become more aware of the outstanding cultural and recreational resources available in Grand Junction, Colorado and the United States, travel and tourism will become an increasingly important aspect in the lives of our citizens; and*
- WHEREAS,** *given these laudable contributions to the economic, social, and cultural well being of the citizens of Grand Junction, Colorado it is fitting that we recognize the importance of travel and tourism.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Hill, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do recognize the week of May 13 through May 21, 2006, as

"NATIONAL TOURISM WEEK"

in the City of Grand Junction, and request the people of Grand Junction to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 3rd day of May, 2006.

Mayor