

## **PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, the United States of America has made a considerable financial commitment to expanding the nation's high-speed and intercity passenger rail network for state corridor development efforts, Amtrak state of good repair investments, and an additional \$8 billion in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act awards for 13 corridors in 31 states; and*

*WHEREAS, developing this pipeline of national high-speed and intercity passenger rail projects will revitalize the domestic manufacturing industry and create additional American jobs, jobs that can never be off-shored; and*

*WHEREAS, ridership on Amtrak grew every year from 2000 through 2008, and is on track in 2010 for the best ridership year ever, further demonstrating the increased demand for intercity passenger rail services; and*

*WHEREAS, Amtrak annually provides intercity passenger rail travel to over 25 million Americans residing in 46 states and represents the only major intercity transportation link to the rest of the country for many rural Americans. In highly populated regions, Amtrak trains and infrastructure carry intercity passengers and commuters to and from work in congested metropolitan areas, providing a reliable rail option while reducing congestion on roads and in the skies; and*

*WHEREAS, passenger rail provides a more fuel-efficient transportation system thereby providing cleaner transportation alternatives. Passenger railroads emit only 0.2 percent of the travel industry's total greenhouse gases and one freight train can move a ton of freight 457 miles on one gallon of fuel; and*

*WHEREAS, our railroad station is a source of civic pride, a gateway to our community and a tool for economic growth that creates transportation-oriented development and livable communities; and*

*WHEREAS, on May 10, 1869 the "golden spike" was driven into the final tie at Promontory Summit, Utah to join the Central Pacific and the Union Pacific Railroads, completing the first transcontinental railroad and therefore connecting both coasts of the United States.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Hill, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the day of May 8, 2010, as*

### **"NATIONAL TRAIN DAY"**

*in the City of Grand Junction, and encourage the community to recognize and celebrate the pivotal role that a robust intercity passenger rail system can provide for better mobility for persons of all abilities.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2010.*

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*Mayor*