

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, poverty is a community problem and finding solutions depends on awareness of and involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, statistics of families and individuals who are experiencing hardship are on the incline; and

WHEREAS, the effects of poverty are felt by whole communities and need to be addressed by the community at large; and

WHEREAS, effective programs that address issues of poverty and homelessness succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, the month of October has several community events that address the issues of poverty as they pertain to both hunger and homelessness and to create an overall awareness during that month would provide greater knowledge of and support from our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Hill, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim October 2009, as

“POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH”

in the City of Grand Junction, and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in and aid to efforts to eradicate poverty, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 14th day of September, 2009.

Mayor