



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Ralph W. Smith was born on May 3, 1912 in Denver, Colorado to Althera Earnhelpe Field Smith and James Alfred Smith. Ralph had four brothers and one sister. Ralph is the only surviving sibling; and

WHEREAS, Ralph moved to California in 1922, where the family lived near a golf course in the Los Angeles area. Ralph earned pocket money selling errant golf balls he collected and then became a caddy and a golf instructor; and

WHEREAS, Ralph has played golf with the likes of John Kraft of Kraft Foods and future President Ronald Regan and his then wife Jane Wyman. Ralph was involved with golf all of his life; and

WHEREAS, Ralph married Berna Annette Busby and helped raise her three sons. Ralph and Berna were married fifty-four years until her passing in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Ralph is devoted to his church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and has served in many capacities for his church; and

WHEREAS, On May 3, 2012, Ralph W. Smith will turn 100 years young! He celebrated this momentous occasion with a party on April 28, 2012, surrounded by friends, family, and City Officials!

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom Kenyon, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2012, as

“RALPH W. SMITH DAY”

in the City of Grand Junction, and wish Ralph a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY and wish him well..

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 2nd day of May 2012.

Mayor

