

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, recycling saves precious energy, conserves valuable natural resources, protects the environment, reduces landfill needs and has a positive economic impact, creating jobs, and paying citizens for their recycling efforts; and

WHEREAS, recycling in Colorado is an untapped economic development resource; and

WHEREAS, even though recycling is good for the environment and the economy, Colorado lags behind other states in its recycling efforts. The U.S. overall recycling rate is 28.5% and Colorado's rate is 12.5%; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is currently ranked at 41st in the nation for recycling, putting us well behind most states, according to BioCycle Magazine; and

WHEREAS, drop off recycling is available in this community on River Road for aluminum cans, steel cans, glass bottles, paper, cardboard, phonebooks, #1 and #2 plastics. Mesa County has a HHW facility to collect hazardous wastes such as paint and pesticides. There is an electronics recycling drop off available at Batteries Plus, and there is a compost facility for green waste; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction has a curbside program with approximately 3,000 city residents enrolled and more on waiting lists; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction supports recycling and goes to great lengths to separate and recycle tires during the Annual Spring Clean-up.

NOW THEREFORE, I, James J. Doody, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2006 as

“Recycling Day”

in the City of Grand Junction and encourage citizens, governments and other organizations to do more to promote recycling in Colorado by participating and supporting recycling programs.

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 November, 2006.

Mayor