

*PROCLAMATION*

*WHEREAS, when Mesa County citizens reach the age of 55 and beyond they look for new and rewarding opportunities to contribute to their community; and*

*WHEREAS, the United States Congress created the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, now known throughout America as RSVP, to match up volunteers with nonprofit organizations as they are needed; and*

*WHEREAS, the mission of Mesa County RSVP is to serve the community by utilizing the talents and skills of volunteers over 55 and placing them in rewarding opportunities at local agencies; and*

*WHEREAS, the Mesa County RSVP program is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year with over 650 volunteers giving over 90,000 hours in 105 nonprofit agencies in the community; and*

*WHEREAS, the need for volunteers has never been greater and RSVP is ready to welcome new volunteers immediately.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doody, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim March 24 through March 28, 2008, as*

*"RSVP VOLUNTEER WEEK"*

*in the City of Grand Junction, and encourage those over 55 in our community to become RSVP volunteers.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 17th day of March, 2008.*

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