

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *Sam Suplizio was an original member of the JUCO World Series Committee, serving as tournament chairman from 1970 until 2002; and*

WHEREAS, *Sam is a member of the National Junior College Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame, the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame, the DuBois (Pennsylvania) Sports Hall of Fame, the Central Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, the University of New Mexico Hall of Honor and the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame; and*

WHEREAS, *Sam was the driving force behind millions of dollars in improvements and expansion of the Lincoln Park sports complex and the building of Canyon ViewPark's baseball field; and*

WHEREAS, *Sam was instrumental in bringing Major League Baseball to Colorado as a member of the Colorado Baseball Commission; and*

WHEREAS, *he secured a long-term contract for the JUCO World Series to remain in Grand Junction; and*

WHEREAS, *it was Sam Suplizio who put the Junior College World Series on the map and made reaching Grand Junction, Colorado, the pinnacle of junior college baseball.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doody, by the power vested in me as Mayor, of the City of Grand Junction and Jamie Hamilton, Chairman of the Grand Junction Baseball Committee, do hereby proclaim May 26th through June 2nd, 2007 as

“Sam Suplizio Week”

in the City of Grand Junction and encourage all citizens, and especially all JUCO fans, to commemorate the legacy of Sam Suplizio, known as Mr. JUCO, the face of baseball in Grand Junction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 25th day of May, 2007.

Mayor Jim Doody

Chairman Jamie Hamilton