



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the late 1960's, a handful of Grand Junction residents formed the local chapter of the Soka Gakkai International (SGI), a Buddhist association with more than 12 million members in 190 countries and 5,000 members in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, there are currently over 100 local members of SGI and through the years, the organization has been engaged in numerous Interface Dialogues; and

WHEREAS, SGI actively promotes peace, culture and education based on a belief in positive human potential and respect for the dignity of life; and

WHEREAS, Daisaku Ikeda is the President of the Soka Gakkai International (SGI), and the efforts of he and his wife, Kaneko Ikeda, have resulted in the establishment of institutions such as Soka University of America, the Tokyo Fuji Art Museum, and the Ikeda Center for Peace, Learning and Dialogue; and

WHEREAS, in 1960 Dr. Ikeda organized the American branch of the SGI, called SGI-USA, which has grown into the most racially, ethnically, and culturally diverse Buddhist organization contributing to the welfare its local communities; and

WHEREAS, on August 24th 2010 SGI will be celebrating the 50th year of Dr. Ikeda's leadership and 50th anniversary of the establishment of SGI-USA.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teresa Coons, by the power vested in me as the Mayor of Grand Junction do hereby proclaim August 24th 2010, as

"SOKA GAKKAI INTERNATIONAL-USA DAY"

in the City of Grand Junction and recognize Dr. Ikeda's leadership.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 16TH day of August, 2010.

Mayor

