

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, suicide is one of the most disruptive and tragic events a family and a community can experience; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is one of the leading states for suicides, and Mesa County has among the highest suicide rates in the State: and

WHEREAS, statistics show that awareness, education and action does save lives; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Junction City Council is pleased to support and endorse suicide prevention efforts that will lead to the end to this tragic loss of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doody, Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim September as

Suicide Awareness Month

in the City of Grand Junction and urge all citizens to work to prevent suicide by increasing their awareness of warning signs, reaching out to those at risk, and ensuring that adequate resources are available for those experiencing periods of helplessness and hopelessness.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 26th day of August, 2006.

Mayor