

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, America's citizen soldiers won our freedom from British rule more than two centuries ago; and

WHEREAS, America's citizen soldiers are presently preserving our freedoms by serving at home and abroad in the war on terrorism; and

WHEREAS, America's citizen soldiers are the foundation of the all volunteer armed forces; and

WHEREAS, the men and women who volunteer to serve and the families that support them provide an unheralded service to the United States and all the citizens of our community; and

WHEREAS, we owe our continued freedom to those who serve today in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force; and

WHEREAS, the members of American Legion Post 2009 are proud contributors to our community and supporters of all defenders of freedom; and

WHEREAS, August 31, 2009 is a day for all citizens to come together in celebration of these heroes and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Hill, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2009 as

"TOTAL FORCE RECOGNITION DAY"

in the City of Grand Junction in honor of our citizen soldiers and their families and encourage all citizens to join with me and the members of the American Legion in recognizing and celebrating the contributions of the men and women who serve in our country's armed forces and the sacrifices made by their families.

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 August, 2009.

Mayor