



# Grand Junction

State of Colorado

## PROCLAMATION

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

*WHEREAS, 18 deaths from suicide per day are Veterans with 5 deaths from suicide per day among Veterans receiving care in Veterans Administration; 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 by the Grand Junction Veterans Administration that will lead to the end to this tragic loss of life.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom Kenyon, Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim September 4-10, 2011 as*

*"Veterans Administration Suicide Prevention Week"*

*in the City of Grand Junction and urge all citizens to work to prevent suicide in military veterans 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.*

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Mayor

