



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, lives are saved each year if communities take steps to make pedestrian and bicycle safety a priority; and

WHEREAS, a lack of physical activity plays a leading role in rising rates of obesity, diabetes and other health problems among children and being able to walk or bike to school offers an opportunity to build activity into daily routine; and

WHEREAS, driving students to school by private vehicle contributes to traffic congestion and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, an important role for parents and caregivers is to teach children about pedestrian and bicycle safety and to be aware of the difficulties and dangers that children face on their trip to school each day and the health and environmental risks related to physical inactivity and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, communities should continue to make improvements that enable children to safely walk and bike; and

WHEREAS, children, parents and community leaders are joining together to walk to school and evaluate walking and bicycling conditions in their communities; and

WHEREAS, creating pedestrian and bicycle-friendly communities for all ages has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, to boost community spirit, to improve traffic safety, and to reduce pollution and congestion, all of which would contribute to Grand Junction "Becoming the Most Livable Community West of the Rockies".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom Kenyon, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim October as Walk and Bike to School month and Wednesday, October 5, 2011 as

"Walk and Bike to School Day"

in the City of Grand Junction and call upon all citizens to participate by walking or biking to school.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 21st day of September 2011.

Mayor

