



# Grand Junction

State of Colorado

## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, the Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our nation's commitment to encourage progress, create opportunity, and expand development at the grass roots level in the developing world; and*

*WHEREAS, over 210,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps Volunteers and trainees in 139 host counties since 1961; and*

*WHEREAS, over the last 52 years, 6,772 men and women from the state of Colorado have responded to our nation's call to serve by joining the Peace Corps; and*

*WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers have made significant and lasting contributions around the world in agriculture, food security, business and civil society development, information technology, education, health and HIV/AIDS care and prevention, youth and community development, and the environment and have improved the lives of individuals and communities around the world; and*

*WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers have strengthened the ties of friendship between the people of the United States and those of other countries, and they have been enriched by their experiences overseas, have brought their communities throughout the United States a deeper understanding of other cultures and traditions, thereby bringing a domestic dividend to our nation; and*

*WHEREAS, returned Peace Corps Volunteers nationwide are celebrating Peace Corps Week honoring the agency's 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Pitts, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the week of February 24 through March 2, 2013 as*

*"Peace Corps Week Honoring their 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary"*

*in the City of Grand Junction and ask all citizens help recognize all past and current Peace Corps Volunteers.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.*

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Mayor

