



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. (SPEBSQSA)—known now as the Barbershop Harmony Society—was officially organized April 11, 1938 in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and*
- WHEREAS, what began as a small group has steadily blossomed into the world's largest all-male singing organization, an international organization of men from all stations of life; and*
- WHEREAS, the Barbershop Harmony Society is dedicated to the spread of harmony for the enjoyment of all people of the world through organizing and encouraging close-harmony singing groups; and*
- WHEREAS, the Barbershop Harmony Society encourages harmony amongst all people of the world through the universal language of music; and*
- WHEREAS, the Barbershop Harmony Society has actively preserved and presented a distinct style of vocal music that originated in North America; and*
- WHEREAS the Barbershop Harmony Society is dedicated to sustaining and preserving an American tradition, the barbershop quartet; and*
- WHEREAS the Barbershop Harmony Society promotes musical education through music scholarships and other means, and supports charitable foundations; and*
- WHEREAS Barbershoppers are engaged in laudable civic service and enrichment of our cultural life through the fostering of traditional values in entertainment and community endeavors; and 2013 is the 75th Anniversary of the Barbershop Harmony Society and the 45th Anniversary for our local Bookcliff Barbershop Harmony Chorus.*

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 April 7 – 13, 2013 as

“BARBERSHOP HARMONY WEEK”

in the City of Grand Junction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 3rd day of April, 2013.

Mayor

