

Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *sexual assault affects women, children, and men of all racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds; and*

WHEREAS, *in addition to the immediate physical and emotional costs, sexual assault may also have associated consequences of post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, depression, homelessness, eating disorders, and suicide; and*

WHEREAS, *sexual assault can be devastating for not only the survivor, but also for the family and friends of the survivor; and*

WHEREAS, *no one person, organization, agency, or community can eliminate sexual assault on their own, but we can work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to prevent sexual assault, support victim/survivors and their significant others, and increase support for agencies providing services to victim/survivors; and*

WHEREAS, *Sexual Assault Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing sexual violence.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Hill, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim April 2010, as

"Sexual Assault Awareness Month"

in the City of Grand Junction and urge the community to join the State and Nation in raising awareness about this very serious issue.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 18th day of March, 2010.



Mayor

