



PROCLAMATION

“GUNNISON SUPPORTS THE ENVIRONMENT DAY”

JULY 14, 2017

WHEREAS, the Gunnison City Council is committed to protecting and enhancing the quality of life for our citizens and visitors who live, work and play in our community; and

WHEREAS, climate change has been widely recognized by government, business and academic leaders as a worldwide threat with potential harm to our quality of life, economy, and public health; and

WHEREAS, more than two hundred forty-six mayors, including previous Gunnison Mayor Stu Ferguson, have affirmed their cities’ commitments to climate action by signing the National Mayors Climate Action Agenda; and

WHEREAS, the Council adopted the *City of Gunnison Action Energy Plan* in June 2009, that developed on-going objectives and action steps to reduce the City’s 2005 levels of greenhouse gas emissions by twenty percent by the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to reduce its environmental impact, the City has replaced 65% of the street lights with energy efficient LED bulbs, has replaced all of the City owned holiday lights (approximately 15,500 bulbs) to LED bulbs, has increased its total purchased renewable energy mix to 40.6% from its primary electric energy suppliers, utilized energy efficient building construction to achieve a Silver LEED rating in the new Police Department-Communications Center, collects and recycles electronics from the citizens of the Valley in order to keep heavy metals out of the local landfill, and continues with numerous other environmental-friendly practices including efficient and sustainable energy policies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gunnison is committed to the belief that all levels of government share responsibility for protecting the local, national and global environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Jim Gelwicks, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gunnison, do hereby proclaim Thursday, July 14, 2017, as

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in the City of Gunnison, Colorado, and strongly encourage the citizens of Gunnison to educate themselves on and to exercise ways to reduce their impact on climate change and the environment in order to preserve our quality of life.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Gunnison, Colorado, to be affixed this 11th day of July, 2017.

ATTEST:


Gail A. Davidson, City Clerk


Jim Gelwicks, Mayor