

Proclamation ***National Crime Stoppers Month January 2022***

Whereas, crime is a menace to our society. It tears apart lives and causes feelings of fear, anger and helplessness. As caring citizens, we are obligated to do everything in our power to ensure that our communities are not victimized by criminals; and

Whereas, the Crime Stoppers of Mesa County program has empowered the citizens of Mesa County to take a stand against crime. This program brings together citizens, law enforcement, the media, businesses, and educational institutions to combat crime and make our communities safer; and

Whereas, combining media awareness, cash rewards, and an anonymous tip line for citizens to contact, Crime Stoppers of Mesa County has created an effective method for solving crimes and helping citizens take back control over their neighborhoods; and

Whereas, the award-winning, nationally recognized Crime Stoppers of Mesa County has been particularly effective and since 1983 has received 21,600 tips, which have led to 1,840 arrests and the recovery of over 9 million one hundred thousand dollars in drugs and property. Anonymous Crime Stopper callers have been rewarded \$313,000 for their valuable information; and

Whereas, Crime Stoppers of Mesa County has forged strong working relationships with all area law enforcement agencies, including Colorado State Patrol, Fruita Police Department, Grand Junction Police Department, Mesa County Sheriff's Office, Mesa County District Attorney's Office, and the Palisade Police Department; and

Whereas, Crime Stoppers of Mesa County is working to increase awareness of community safety issues and crime prevention efforts, while also giving back to our community by offering grants to various organizations, partnership with Colorado Mesa University and scholarships to Law Enforcement graduates.

Now, Therefore, in official recognition, we the undersigned do hereby proclaim January 2022 as National Crime Stoppers Month in the City of Fruita and call on all citizens to increase their participation in our effort to prevent crime, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the official seal of the City of Fruita this 4th day of January 2022.

Joel Kincaid, Mayor of the City of Fruita

