



Fremont County Board of Commissioners

Gateway Depot and Plaza Day Proclamation

Whereas: The Denver and Rio Grande Railroad, with the support of local businesses, reached Cañon City in 1874; and

Whereas: In 1909 the Cañon City Merchant's Association campaigned to have the railroad construct an attractive and permanent depot at the corner of what is now 9th Street and U.S. Highway 50; and

Whereas: In 1935 local merchants formed the Cañon City Chamber of Commerce to connect and promote businesses in the region; and

Whereas: In 2022 the Cañon City Chamber of Commerce became the Royal Gorge Chamber Alliance with the aim of expanding that connection to promote and support the businesses and promote tourism and economic vitality for the entire Royal Gorge Region; and

Whereas: In 2025 the Royal Gorge Chamber Alliance, with the support of the local community, acquired and remodeled the Denver and Rio Grande Depot. The depot was then redesignated as Gateway Depot and Plaza to become a center of business and non-profit vitality as well as a regional visitor and relocation center.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED by the County Commissioners of Fremont County that July 10, 2025, be proclaimed "Gateway Depot and Plaza Day" in Fremont County. The County Commissioners urge all people of Fremont County to recognize the Royal Gorge Chamber Alliance for its accomplishments in establishing a first-class business and welcome center in the heart of Cañon City.

Signed this 8th Day of July 2025.

Kevin Grantham, Chairman
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