



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Council Session

Item C-2

Proclamation “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” April 2016

Sexual violence is widespread and impacts every community member of Grand Island. By increasing education, awareness, and community involvement, there is evidence that we can prevent sexual violence in Grand Island. The Mayor has proclaimed the month of April 2016 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month". See attached PROCLAMATION.

Staff Contact: Mayor Jeremy Jensen

THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
City of Grand Island
State of Nebraska

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every community member of Grand Island; and
- WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community as seen by statistics indicating that one in five women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives; and
- WHEREAS, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before the age 18.; and
- WHEREAS, young people experience heightened rates of sexual violence, and youth ages 12-17 were two and a half times as likely to be victims of rape or sexual assault; and
- WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and
- WHEREAS, with leadership, dedication and encouragement, there is evidence that we can be successful in preventing sexual violence in Grand Island through increased education, awareness, and community involvement; and
- WHEREAS, Grand Island strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen, to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence. This includes starting conversations, taking appropriate actions and supporting one another to create a safer environment for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2016 as

***“SEXUAL ASSAULT
AWARENESS MONTH”***

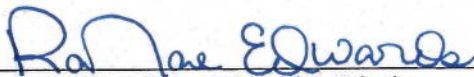
in the City of Grand Island, and encourage all citizens to take due note of the observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Grand Island to be affixed this first day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Sixteen.



Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:



RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

