



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 26, 2013

Council Session

Item C2

Proclamation “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” April, 2013

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 2013 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month". See attached PROCLAMATION.

Staff Contact: Mayor Jay Vavricek

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

PROCLAMATION

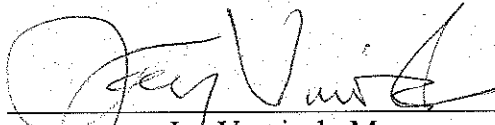
- WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every community member of Grand Island; and
- WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community as seen by statistics indicating that one in five women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives (Black et al., 2011).; 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 (Dube et al., 2005).; 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. It's time for all of us to start conversations, take appropriate action and support one another to create a safer environment for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Vavricek, Mayor of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2013 as

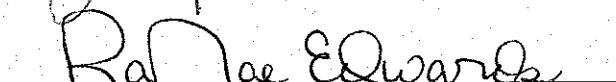
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in the City of Grand Island, and encourage all citizens to join advocates and communities across the country in playing an active role to prevent sexual violence. Along with the United States Government and State of Nebraska.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Grand Island to be affixed this twenty-sixth day of March in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Thirteen.


Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:


RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

