



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Council Session

## Item C-2

### Proclamation “Chautauqua Days” June 19-30, 2013

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Staff Contact: Mayor Jay Vavricek

# THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

City of Grand Island  
State of Nebraska

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Humanities Nebraska is partnering with the communities of Grand Island and Papillion in 2013 to present the Nebraska Chautauqua, "Free Land? 1862 and the Shaping of Modern American"; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Chautauqua offers opportunities for audiences to come together to deliberate on current issues through the historical lens of settlement, migration, and displacement on the Great Plains in the years following the passage of the Homestead Act, the Morrill Act, and the Pacific Railway Act, all passed within six weeks of each other in 1862; and

WHEREAS, the 1862 legislation set into motion sweeping changes for the Great Plains region and the American West as well as for millions of people from all sectors of the population including war veterans, Easterners looking for new opportunities, immigrants, women, African-Americans, and Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, this project, in the spirit of the traveling tent Chautauquas of a hundred years ago, will draw thousands of people to Papillion June 19-23 and Grand Island June 26-30; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the citizens of Nebraska will once again avail themselves of these entertaining and educational humanities experiences; and

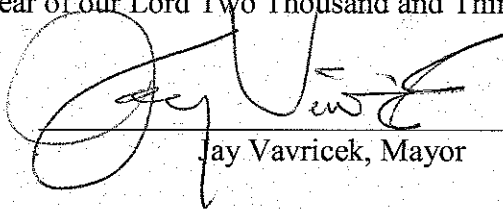
WHEREAS, the people of the State of Nebraska should recognize the valuable services rendered by Humanities Nebraska and its partners to offer thought-provoking opportunities to learn, think, and explore our shared history and culture to inspire a better future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Vavricek, Mayor of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim June 19-30, 2013 as

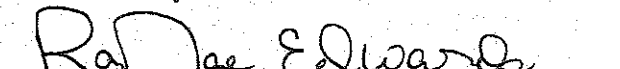
### ***"CHAUTAUQUA DAYS"***

in the City of Grand Island, and encourage all citizens to take 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 twenty-fifth day of June in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Thirteen.

  
Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

  
RaNae Edwards, City Clerk