



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

Council Session

Item C-1

Proclamation “Literacy Week 2014”

More than 36 million American adults struggle to read, write, do math, and use technology above a third grade level. The Literacy Council of Grand Island provides English as a second language to non-English speaking people who are now residents of Grand Island and Hall County. People who know how to read and write increases an individual's success in employment, income, education attainment, and family stability. The Mayor has proclaimed September 22-28, 2014 as "Literacy Week 2014". See attached PROCLAMATION.

Staff Contact: Mayor Jay Vavricek

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

PROCLAMATION

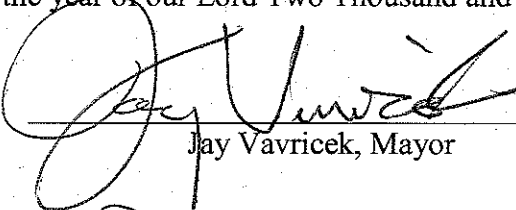
- WHEREAS, the mission of the Literacy Council of Grand Island is to teach individuals (at no charge) literacy skills and the English language regardless of age, income, background, race, religion, or country of origin; and
- WHEREAS, since 1981 the Literacy Council of Grand Island has provided English as a second language and the literacy instruction to thousands of people from Africa, Asia, Central America, South America, and Cuba who are now residents of Grand Island and Hall County; and
- WHEREAS, Nebraska ranks fifth in refugee resettlement per capita compared with states of similar population; and
- WHEREAS, more than 36 million American adults struggle to read, write, do math, and use technology above a third grade level; and
- WHEREAS, proficiency in English increases an individual's success in employment, income, education attainment, and family stability; and
- WHEREAS, people who know how to read and write are more likely to vote, volunteer in their communities, and read to their children; and
- WHEREAS, the Literacy Council of Grand Island works with Edith Abbott Public Library, the Multicultural Coalition of Grand Island, the YWCA, the YMCA, Adult Basic Education, ResCare workforce development services, JBS, Principal Financial Group, Five Points Bank, Heartland United Way, the Grand Island Independent, and KRGI and other local businesses and organizations to promote and develop literacy skills.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Vavricek, Mayor of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim the week of September 22-28, 2014 as

“LITERACY WEEK 2014”


in the City of Grand Island, and encourage all citizens to learn more about the importance of literacy and to become involved with literacy in this community.

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



Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:



RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

