



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

Council Session

Item C-1

Proclamation “National Adoption Month” November, 2014

There are an estimated 3,096 children in Nebraska in the foster care system waiting for adoptive homes, some of whom live in Grand Island. By the end of December 2014 fourteen children in the Grand Island area who are in foster care will finalize adoption. Mayor Vavricek has proclaimed the month of November, 2013 as "National Adoption Month" and would encourage citizens to help secure permanent, loving homes for each and every child in Grand Island. See attached PROCLAMATION.

Staff Contact: Jay Vavricek

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

PROCLAMATION

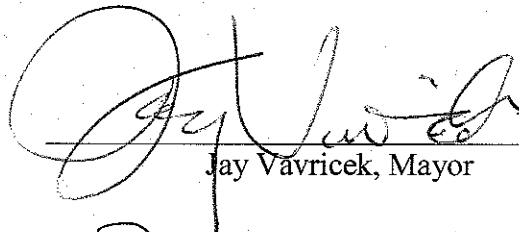
- WHEREAS, this November marks the celebration of 24th annual National Adoption Month; and
- WHEREAS, there are an estimated 3,096 children in Nebraska in foster care and about 325 free for adoption children across the state of Nebraska; and
- WHEREAS, every child in the Grand Island Area, across the State and across the Nation deserves a loving, caring, permanent family and in the last 13 years more than 22,000 children in our Nation turned 18 without ever finding a forever family; and
- WHEREAS, it is our goal to find families for these children, no matter where they might live; and
- WHEREAS, many of these children have physical, emotional and/or behavioral challenges; and
- WHEREAS, many of these children are brothers and sisters who want to grow up together; and
- WHEREAS, in 2013, 529 children in care of the State found permanency through adoption; and
- WHEREAS, in 2013, seventeen children in the care of the State, in the Grand Island area, were adopted; and
- WHEREAS, by the end of December 2014, 14 children in care of the State from the Grand Island area, will finalize adoptions; and
- WHEREAS, every child deserves a place to call home, not only now but into adulthood.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Vavricek, Mayor of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska,
do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2014 as

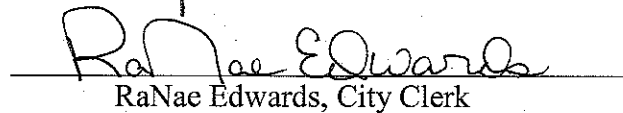
“NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH”

in the City of Grand Island, and encourage all citizens to help
secure permanent, loving homes for each and every child in
Grand Island, and the State of Nebraska, regardless of race, age,
gender, health, emotional or behavioral challenge or past
distress.

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-eight day of
October in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Thirteen.


Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:


RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

