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# City of Grand Island

## Item C5

### Proclamation "National Home Care Month" and "National Hospice Month", November 2001

*Whereas, home care is the most preferred method of health care delivery among people who are disabled, elderly and chronically ill, yet eager to live independently in their own homes; and because home care is a rapidly growing alternative to hospitalization and thousands of home care professionals and volunteers combine compassionate care and technological advances to ensure brighter lives for their patients, the Mayor has proclaimed the month of November, 2001 as "National Home Care Month" and "National Hospice Month". Representatives from Tabatha Health Care will be present to receive this Proclamation.*



**Tuesday, November 06, 2001**

**Council Session**

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

PROCLAMATION

**Whereas**, hospice care provides humane and comforting support for patients who are terminally ill and their families, including pain control, palliative medical care and social, emotional and spiritual services; and

**Whereas**, hospice fulfills basic human needs of feeling comfortable in familiar surroundings and of attaining physical and emotional peace during the last stage of life;

**Whereas**, more than 40,000 professionals and 90,000 volunteers provide comforting and supportive hospice services to nearly 700,000 patients and their families in an estimated 3,300 hospice programs throughout the United States;

**Whereas**, there is a need to increase public discussion about advances in pain control and the care options available to individuals of all ages, races and backgrounds who are at the end of life; and

**Whereas**, Tabitha Health Care Services, St. Francis Home Health/Hospice, Option Care, Home Care & Companions have joined the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, and an estimated 3,300 other hospice programs to commemorate November 2001 as National Hospice Month and call on all Americans to observe this occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that I, Ken Gnadt, Mayor, do hereby proclaim November 2001 as

***NATIONAL HOSPICE MONTH***

in the city of Grand Island and encourage the support and participation of all citizens in learning more about the hospice concept of care for people who are elderly, disabled and infirm.

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

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**Ken Gnadt, Mayor**

Attest:

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**RaNae Edwards, City Clerk**

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

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, home care is the oldest and most comforting form of health service delivery in the United States, enabling the ill and disabled to receive high-quality medical assistance and retain a sense of dignity and independence in the comfort and security of their own homes since the 1880's; and
- WHEREAS, home care in the United States is a growing alternative to hospitalization for acute and chronic illnesses, serving more than 7 million Americans each year; and
- WHEREAS, thousands of hardworking individuals, in association with more than 20,000 home care agencies promote the health and welfare of society by providing cost-effective home care services that stimulate quicker and fuller recoveries and improvements than institutional care; and
- WHEREAS, these dedicated home care professionals and volunteers form a network of caring support in our nation's vast health care system and are deserving of special honor and appreciation for their many contributions; and
- WHEREAS, Tabitha Health Care Services, Home Care & Companions, NMC Home Care, Olsten Health Services, Option Care, St. Francis Medical Center Home Health Services, and The National Association for Home Care, and home care agencies throughout the United States have declared the month of November, 2000 as National Home Care Month and are calling upon all Americans to observe this occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ken Gnadt, Mayor of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2001 as

***National Home Care Month***

In the City of Grand Island and urge all of our citizens to support the home care profession in its efforts to provide safe, affordable health care in the homes of our elderly, disabled, and infirm.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Grand Island to be affixed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and one.

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Mayor of Grand Island, Nebraska

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk