



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 09, 2002

Council Session

Item C6

Proclamation "Fair Housing Month" April 2002

Whereas, the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, known as the Fair Housing Act, enunciated a national policy of non-discrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or disability, whereby reducing the barriers in American society in obtaining the housing of one's choice, the Mayor has proclaimed the month of April 2002 as "Fair Housing Month" and encourages all citizens to take note of the observance by continuing to address discrimination in our communities. See attached PROCLAMATION.

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

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, April 2002 marks another milestone in the history of civil rights in this country by acknowledging the 34th anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, better known as the Fair Housing Act, which enunciated a national policy of non-discrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or disability, and;
- WHEREAS, Shelter is a basic human need and, when shelter is denied, the quality of human life is greatly diminished, making it essential that America and the State of Nebraska be rededicated to the policy that housing in Nebraska and throughout the United States be made available to all persons on the basis of equality and fairness, and;
- WHEREAS, In the thirty-plus years since the passage of the Fair Housing Act, judicial and administrative enforcement, as well as public and private efforts to comply voluntarily with the law, have reduced barriers in American society to obtaining the housing of one's choice, and
- WHEREAS, The State of Nebraska recognizes, acknowledges and values the efforts of those who seek justice through the public and private enforcement of Nebraska's fair housing laws. Nebraska especially recognizes the employees and Commissioners of the State of Nebraska's Equal Opportunity Commission and the Commission's partnerships with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, the City of Omaha Human Relations Department, and the City of Lincoln Civil Rights Commission, and the Family Housing Advisory Service's Fair Housing Center of Nebraska for their pursuit of "Housing for All Through Justice for All."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ken Gnadt, Mayor of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2002 as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in the City of Grand Island and urge all citizens to take due note of the observance by continuing to address discrimination in our communities.

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

Mayor of Grand Island, Nebraska

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk