



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 23, 2002

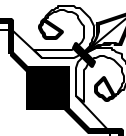

Council Session

Item C2

Proclamation "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" April 2002

Because sexual assault affects every person in the State of Nebraska either as a victim/survivor of sexual assault or as a family member, significant other, neighbor or co-worker and inasmuch as hundreds of volunteers have generously given of their time to educate and promote sexual assault prevention programs, the Mayor has proclaimed the month of April 2002 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" and encourages public awareness of the violence of sexual assault. See attached PROCLAMATION.

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects every person in the State of Nebraska either as a victim/survivor of sexual assault or as a family member, significant other, neighbor or co-worker; and

WHEREAS, a Take Back the Night March was chosen to emphasize the artistic, creative, and innovative ways that survivors of sexual violence have used to heal; and to empower victims who have not yet become survivors. This march will be held on April 23 beginning here at City Hall; and

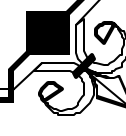

WHEREAS, citizens of Grand Island and Hall County are working to provide quality care and assistance to sexual assault survivors. Hundreds of volunteers have staffed the 24-hour hotline, responded to emergency calls and offered support during medical exams and criminal justice proceedings; and

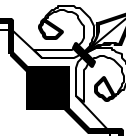

WHEREAS, Crisis Center volunteers and staff promote sexual assault prevention by offering educational programs to schools, churches, and civic organizations. They also train medical, mental health, law enforcement, education, and criminal justice professionals regarding sexual assault issues; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska sexual assault programs and other professionals and supporters have joined together as a group to support each other in their work and to provide the State of Nebraska and its citizens with a central 800 number; and

WHEREAS, locally the Crisis Center provides sexual assault survivors with a 24 hour crisis line, safe shelter, assistance with protection orders, support groups, transportation, financial assistance, and referrals for legal, medical, and professional services; and

WHEREAS, during April 2002 efforts will be intensified to promote public awareness of the violence of sexual assault; to emphasize the need for citizen involvement in efforts to reduce sexual assault through public education and changing public attitudes; to publicize local education efforts; to increase community support for agencies providing sexual assault services; and to increase awareness of the healing power of creative expression.





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

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Grand Island, and I urge all citizens to support
efforts to reduce sexual assault; and

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-Third day of
April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Two.

Mayor of Grand Island, Nebraska

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

