



City of Grand Island

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Council Session

Item C3

Proclamation "World Population Awareness Week" October 20-26, 2002

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

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, more than one billion people – one sixth of the world's population – are between the ages of 15 and 24, the largest generation ever in this age bracket; and
- WHEREAS, nearly half the world's population, and 63% in the least developed countries, is under age 25; and
- WHEREAS, 17 million young women between the ages of 15-19 give birth every year, including some 13 million who live in less developed countries; and
- WHEREAS, early pregnancy and childbearing is associated with serious health risks, as well as less education and lower future income potential for young mothers; and
- WHEREAS, risks of dying from complications of pregnancy or childbirth are 25 times higher for girls under 15, and two times higher for women between 15-19; and
- WHEREAS, approximately half of the 5 million people infected with HIV last year were young people aged 15-24; and
- WHEREAS, almost 12 million young people now live with HIV, and about 6,000 more become infected every day; and
- WHEREAS, the choices young people make today regarding their sexual and reproductive lives, including responsible male behavior, will determine whether world population stabilizes at 8 billion or less or 9 billion or more; and
- WHEREAS, the theme of World Population Awareness Week, proclaimed last year by United States Governors of 31 states, Mayors of 288 U.S. cities, and 266 organizations from 77 countries, is "Population and the Next Generation".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ken Gnadt, Mayor of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim October 20-26, 2002 as

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AWARENESS WEEK**



in the City of Grand Island, and urge all citizens of our city to take cognizance of this event and to participate appropriately in its observance.

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

Ken Gnadt, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

