



City of Grand Island

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Council Session

Item C4

Proclamation "Child Abuse Prevention Month" March, 2003

Because all children deserve love, comfortable homes, and tender care from parents and adults who make them feel safe, happy and loved and because many children were involved in substantiated cases of abuse and neglect by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human services in 2002, and because the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities and need to be addressed by the entire community, the Mayor has proclaimed the month of March, 2003 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month". In conjunction with the Blue Ribbon Campaign, Junior Troop from Wasmer School will be attending the meeting to pass out blue ribbons. See attached Proclamation.

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, several hundred cases were investigated involving several hundred children for child abuse and neglect through the Nebraska Health and Human Services System in Hall, Hamilton, Merrick, and Howard Counties in 2002; and

WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities and need to be addressed by the entire community; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention within the community and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment.

WHEREAS, all children deserve loving hugs, warm homes, and tender care from parents and adults who make them feel safe and happy and loved.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Vavreck, Mayor of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2003 as

Child Abuse Prevention Month

in the City of Grand Island and call upon all citizens to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse and to wear a Blue Ribbon to show that it shouldn't hurt to be a child. Every child deserves a Blue Ribbon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Grand Island to be affixed this 18th day of March in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Three.

Mayor of Grand Island, Nebraska

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk