



# City of Grand Island

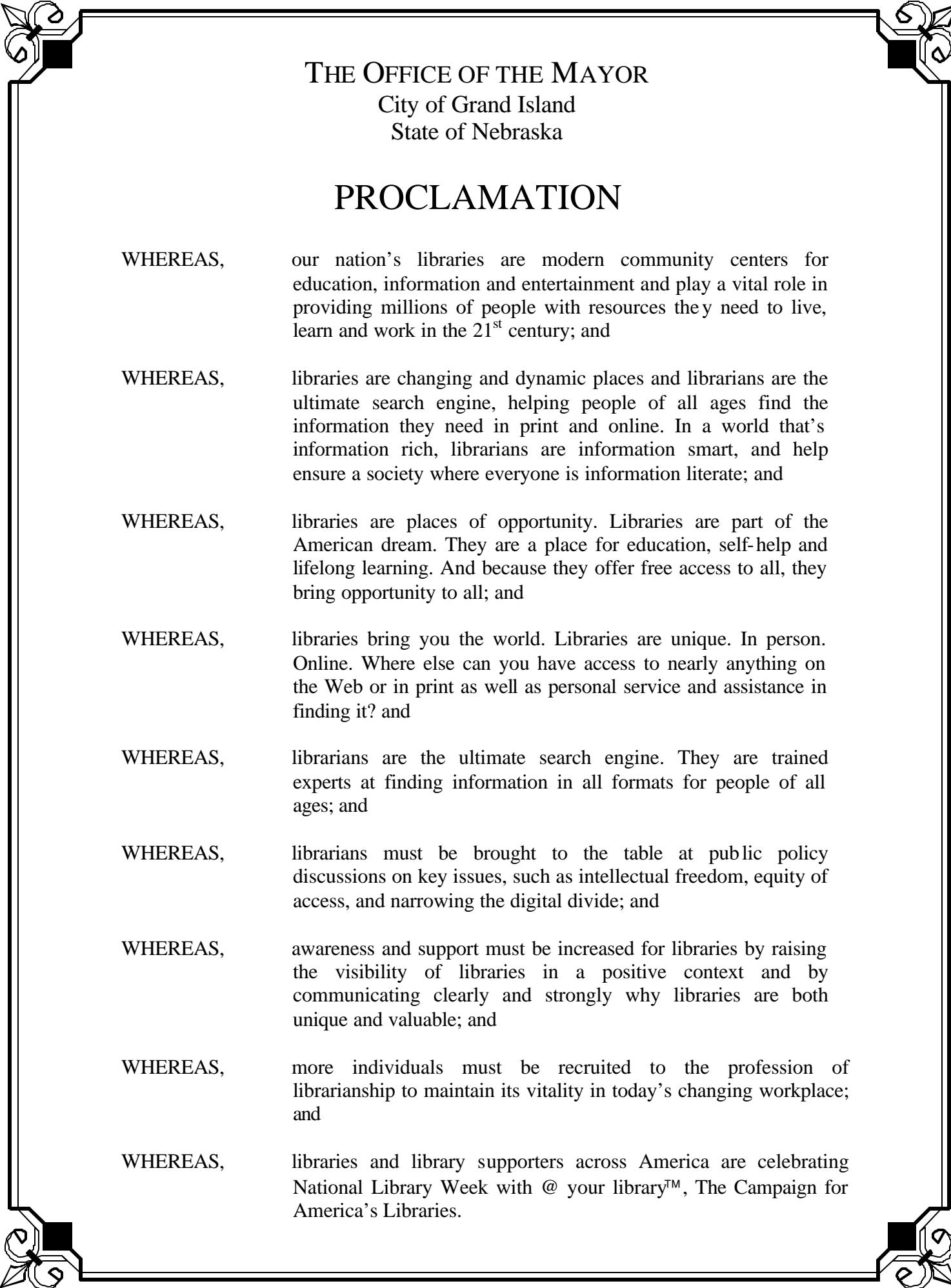
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Council Session

## Item C3

### Proclamation "National Library Week" April 6 - 12, 2003

*Each year the Grand Island Public Library celebrates the vital role libraries play in providing millions of people with the resources they need to live, learn and work in the 21st century, and particularly the many services available to the residents of this community. This year's National Library Week is April 6 through 12. Our library has a variety of activities planned for this special week, and invites everyone to make the most of this community treasure. See attached PROCLAMATION.*

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## THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

City of Grand Island

State of Nebraska

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS,

our nation's libraries are modern community centers for education, information and entertainment and play a vital role in providing millions of people with resources they need to live, learn and work in the 21<sup>st</sup> century; and

WHEREAS,

libraries are changing and dynamic places and librarians are the ultimate search engine, helping people of all ages find the information they need in print and online. In a world that's information rich, librarians are information smart, and help ensure a society where everyone is information literate; and

WHEREAS,

libraries are places of opportunity. Libraries are part of the American dream. They are a place for education, self-help and lifelong learning. And because they offer free access to all, they bring opportunity to all; and

WHEREAS,

libraries bring you the world. Libraries are unique. In person. Online. Where else can you have access to nearly anything on the Web or in print as well as personal service and assistance in finding it? and

WHEREAS,

librarians are the ultimate search engine. They are trained experts at finding information in all formats for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS,

librarians must be brought to the table at public policy discussions on key issues, such as intellectual freedom, equity of access, and narrowing the digital divide; and

WHEREAS,

awareness and support must be increased for libraries by raising the visibility of libraries in a positive context and by communicating clearly and strongly why libraries are both unique and valuable; and

WHEREAS,

more individuals must be recruited to the profession of librarianship to maintain its vitality in today's changing workplace; and

WHEREAS,

libraries and library supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week with @ your library™, The Campaign for America's Libraries.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Vavricek, Mayor of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim, April 6-12, 2003 as

***NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK***

in the City of Grand Island, and encourage all residents to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available and thank their librarians for making information available to all who walk through the library's doors. Come see what's new @ your library.

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 April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Three.

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Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk