

City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 18, 2003 Council Session

Item C2

Proclamation "Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Day" Everyday of the Year

Children are the future of Grand Island and Nebraska with too many children being subjected to abuse. They have the right to live in a safe, secure and peaceful environment and the right to be treated with compassion, dignity, respect and to avoid dangerous situations and unnecessary discomfort from any individual. The Mayor and United Veterans Against Child Abuse have joined together to proclaim everyday as ''Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Day''. The Mayor encourages all citizens to observe everyday with a reverent desire to keep our children free from harm. See attached PROCLAMATION.

Staff Contact: Mayor Vavricek

City of Grand Island City Council





THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

City of Grand Island State of Nebraska

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, children are the very foundation that the future of Grand Island

and Nebraska is built upon; and

WHEREAS, over the past 10 years, the number of children subjected to abuse

in Nebraska has risen to over 38,000 victims and continues to

increase at a rate of 3.5% annually; and

WHEREAS, over the past 4 years, too many children have died in Nebraska

and within our great City of Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, child abuse, with all its ugly faces, is a dirty rotten shame and no

longer acceptable within the City of Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, children have their right to live in a safe, secure and peaceful

environment and the right to be treated with compassion, dignity and respect regardless of culture, race, ethnicity, religious

beliefs or social standing; and

WHEREAS, children have the right to avoid dangerous situations and

unnecessary discomfort from any individual; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island and United Nebraska Veterans are

united and committed to the prevention of child abuse; and

WHEREAS, UNITED VETERANS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE is dedicated to

teaching parents, grandparents, educators and concerned adults the need to teach our children how to avoid dangerous situations and

that they have the right to "Say No"!; and

WHEREAS, our mission is to build a Coalition of Veterans, Veteran

organizations, their Auxiliaries, and Concerned Adults committed to the prevention and eventual elimination of child abuse and the enactment and enforcement of tougher laws and penalties against

perpetrators of abusive acts against our children; and

WHEREAS, UNITED VETERANS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE and the City of

Grand Island believe that children deserve the right to live without fear and that through education and awareness their lives will be

much better.









NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Vavricek, Mayor of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim that everyday should be

"CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS DAY"

in the City of Grand Island, and encourage all citizens to actively support this valuable program and to observe everyday with a reverent desire to keep our children free from harm.

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

	Jay Vavricek, Mayor	
Attest:		
	RaNae Edwards, City Clerk	



