



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 23, 2004

Council Session

Item C1

Proclamation "Irene Abernethy Day" March 28, 2004

Recognizing outstanding achievement and service to the community has always been the desire of the city of Grand Island. The Mayor would like to recognize Irene Abernathy for the many accomplishments and contributions made to our community. Her years of service, lifetime and ongoing devotion to Grand Island and her long standing reputation for common sense, integrity, high ethical standards, and hard work are being recognized by proclaiming Sunday, March 28, 2004 as "Irene Abernathy Day". We encourage all citizens to be equally involved in their community. See attached PROCLAMATION.

Staff Contact: Mayor Vavricek

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

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, it's the desire of the city of Grand Island to always recognize outstanding achievement and service to the community by its citizens; and
- WHEREAS, Irene Abernathy has enjoyed an exemplary lifetime of unparalleled service to Grand Island; and
- WHEREAS, Irene has been a pioneer as a student, an educator, a community volunteer, and a public official and supported passions from sports, youth activities, music travel and education; and
- WHEREAS, she has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors, and given tirelessly and unselfishly to local government and contributed significantly to organizations; and
- WHEREAS, she was the first woman to be elected to the Hall County Board of Supervisors, the first woman to serve as its chair of the board, the first female president of the Nebraska Association of County Officials, was selected as the Hastings College Outstanding Alumna for 1996, served on the Grand Island School Board, named a Woman of Achievement, the Outstanding Community Service Award, Woman of the Year, the YMCA Family of the Year, and more things than can be enumerated in this proclamation and beyond reproach from many to ever achieve; and
- WHEREAS, in addition to being a devoted wife and mother, the City of Grand Island recognizes her lifetime and ongoing devotion to Grand Island and her long standing reputation for common sense, integrity, high ethical standards and hard work, and is an example to others that life is not measured by years of service, but what each of us chooses to do with the time we enjoy on this earth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Vavricek, Mayor of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska,
do hereby proclaim Sunday, March 28, 2004 as

"IRENE ABERNATHY DAY"

in the City of Grand Island, and encourage all citizens to be
equally involved in their community.

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
March in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Four.


Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:


RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

