



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 23, 2004

Council Session

Item C3

Proclamation "Minority Health Month" April 2004

Minority populations are more likely than Caucasians to die from cancer, cardiovascular disease and stroke, chemical dependency, diabetes, infant mortality, violence, and AIDS. They continue to face disparities in obtaining access to health care. The Mayor has proclaimed the month of April as "Minority Health Month" and encourages all citizens to support health promotion and disease prevention initiatives for our minority populations. See attached PROCLAMATION.

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, over the past 50 years, the United States has achieved significant increases in life expectancy and reductions in the incidence of injury, disability, and disease; and

WHEREAS, despite notable progress in the overall health of the Nation, there are continuing disparities in the burden of physical and mental illness, injury and death experienced by African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Asian and Pacific Islanders compared to the United States population as a whole; and

WHEREAS, public health succeeds by identifying and addressing patterns of disease, illness, and injury in populations; and

WHEREAS, minority populations face substantial cultural, social, geographic and economic barriers in obtaining access to health care; and

WHEREAS, the National Public Health Week theme for 2004 – Eliminating Health Disparities: Communities Moving from Statistics to Solutions – seeks to educate Americans about disparities in our health and highlight community programs that have been successful at eliminating and reducing health disparities; and

WHEREAS, these disparities impact our community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska is committed to obtaining that goal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Vavricek, Mayor of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2004, as

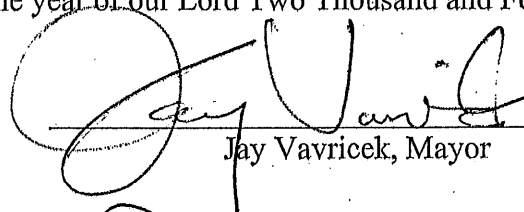
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and the week of April 5-11, 2004 as

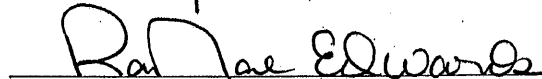
“PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK”

in Grand Island, Nebraska and do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the 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 twenty-third day of March in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Four.


Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:


RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

