



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 14, 2004

Council Session

Item C3

Proclamation "Walk to D'Feet ALS" September 19, 2004

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease" is a progressive disease that attacks nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord of which an estimated 30,000 Americans have the disease at any given time. On September 19, 2004, a "Walk to D'Feet ALS" will be held at Eagle Scout Park at 2:00 p.m. to raise funds to find a cure and to assist those afflicted with the disease. The Mayor has proclaimed September 19, 2004 as "Walk to D'Feet ALS" and encourages all citizens to support the walk. See attached PROCLAMATION.

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as “Lou Gehrig’s Disease,” is a progressive neurodegeneration disease that attacks nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord; and

WHEREAS, based on U.S. population studies, a little over 5,600 people in the U.S. are diagnosed with ALS each year. (That’s 15 new cases a day.); and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that as many as 30,000 Americans have the disease at any given time and a number in Central Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2004 a “Walk to D’Feet ALS” will be held at Eagle Scout Park at 2:00 p.m. to raise funds to find a cure and to assist those afflicted with the disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Vavricek, Mayor of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim September 19, 2004 as

“WALK TO D’FEET ALS”

in the City of Grand Island, and encourage all citizens to support the Walk to D’Feet ALS and salute those who walk to find a cure for this devastating disease.

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

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk