



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

Council Session

## Item C2

### Proclamation "Child Abuse Prevention Month" April 2005

*Because all children deserve love, comfortable homes, and tender care from parents and adults who make them feel safe, happy and loved and because many children were involved in substantiated cases of abuse and neglect in 2004, and because the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities and need to be addressed by the entire community, the Mayor has proclaimed the month of April, 2005 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month". See attached PROCLAMATION.*

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

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, a total of 1,434 child abuse and neglect cases were investigated and a total of 251 cases were substantiated through the Grand Island Regional Nebraska Health and Human Services System and law enforcement in Hall, Hamilton, Merrick and Howard Counties in 2004; and
- WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities and must be addressed by the entire community; and
- WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and
- WHEREAS, all citizens should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention within the community and become involved in supporting parents to ensure their children are valued, safe and healthy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Vavricek, Mayor of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2005 as

***“Child Abuse Prevention Month”***

in the City of Grand Island and call upon all citizens to accept their responsibility for reporting and preventing child abuse and to wear a Blue Ribbon to show that it shouldn't hurt to be a child. Remembering that, every child should be valued, safe and healthy and deserves a Blue Ribbon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Grand Island to be affixed this 22nd day of March in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Five.

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Mayor of Grand Island, Nebraska

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk