



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 12, 2005



Council Session

## Item C3

### **Proclamation "National Autism Awareness Month" April, 2005**

*A severe, life-long development disability, resulting in the significant impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop appropriate social skills, and understand verbal, non-verbal, and reciprocal communication, Autism affects one out of every 250 babies born today. The Mayor has proclaimed the month of April, 2005 as "National Autism Awareness Month" and encourages a greater recognition and understanding of Autism. See attached PROCLAMATION.*

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

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, Autism is a severe, life-long development disability, resulting in the significant impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop appropriate social skills, and understand verbal, non-verbal, and reciprocal communication; and
- WHEREAS, One out of every 250 babies born today will develop some form of Autism. This means that an estimated 1.5 million Americans have Autism today, and another 15 million Americans are directly impacted by Autism; and
- WHEREAS, No cure for Autism exists but persons with Autism can reach their full potential with an early and accurate diagnosis and by receiving the appropriate educational and medical interventions; and
- WHEREAS, Family support groups like The Autism Society of Nebraska, Grand Island chapter, are dedicated to the ongoing efforts to advocate for the rights and appropriate interventions of all persons with Autism; and
- WHEREAS, This family support group is committed to educating area families, professionals in our community and the general public to better understand this lifelong disorder; and
- WHEREAS, Autism is a puzzling and complex disability that requires increased medical research to one day find a cure and prevention; and
- WHEREAS, A greater recognition and understanding of Autism will ensure individuals with Autism reach their full potential a citizens of Grand Island, Nebraska and the United States of America.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Vavricek, Mayor of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2005 as

***“NATIONAL AUTISM  
AWARENESS MONTH”***

in the City of Grand Island.



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

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Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk