



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 28, 2006

Council Session

Item C1

Proclamation "Baby Blues Week" March 26 to April 1, 2006

Teenage pregnancies have an effect on both mothers and infants for lifelong social and economic disadvantages. The Student Advisory Board of the Saint Francis Medical Center Student Wellness Center would like to provide education and information to students on the consequences of teen parenting. The Mayor has proclaimed the week of March 26th to April 1st, 2006 as "Baby Blues Week". See attached PROCLAMATION.

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

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, pregnancies that occur during adolescence place both mothers and infants at risk for lifelong social and economic disadvantages; and
- WHEREAS, 10.7 to 19.3 percent of all births were to teen girls in Hall County in 1993-1997; and
- WHEREAS, only one-third of teen mothers receive a high school diploma; and
- WHEREAS, only 1.5 percent of teen mothers earn a college degree; and
- WHEREAS, the children of teenage parents have lower birth weights, are more likely to perform poorly in school, are at greater risk of abuse and neglect, are more likely to end up in prison, and are more likely to become parents themselves; and
- WHEREAS, the Student Advisory Board of the Saint Francis Medical Center Student Wellness Center would like to provide education and information to their fellow students on the consequences of teen parenting.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Vavricek, Mayor of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim the week of March 26th to April 1st, 2006 as

“BABY BLUES WEEK”

in the City of Grand Island, and encourage all citizens to support this worthy goal in increasing awareness and education of our city’s adolescents on the consequences of teen parenting.

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-eighth day of March in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Six.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk