



City of Grand Island

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Council Session

Item C1

Proclamation "Child Abuse Prevention Month" April 2006

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 2005, 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, 2006 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 1,651 child abuse and neglect cases were investigated and a total of 248 cases were substantiated through the Grand Island Regional Nebraska Health and Human Services System 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 the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2006 as

“CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH”

in the City of Grand Island, and encourage 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. You have the power to protect a child.

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

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk