



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

Council Session

Item C1

Proclamation "Arbor Day" April 27, 2007

In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees. This holiday was designated "Arbor Day" and is now observed in Nebraska, throughout the nation and the world. In conjunction with Arbor Day, the City of Grand Island is celebrating its 21st year as a "Tree City USA". The Mayor has proclaimed April 27, 2007 as "Arbor Day" in the City of Grand Island and encourages citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands. See attached PROCLAMATION.

Staff Contact: Mayor Margaret Hornady

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

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and
- WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and
- WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed in Nebraska, throughout the nation and the world; and
- WHEREAS, trees can reduce erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and
- WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for construction, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products; and
- WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, beautify our community; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island is celebrating its 21st year as a Tree City;

NOW THEREFORE I, Margaret Hornady, Mayor of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2007 as

"Arbor Day"

in the City of Grand Island and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and

Further, I urge all citizens to prune, plant, and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Grand Island to be affixed this 24th day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Seven.



Attest:

Margaret Hornady

Mayor of Grand Island, Nebraska

RaNae Edwards

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk