



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 23, 2007

Council Session

Item C1

Proclamation "National Adoption Month" November 2007

Currently there are 513,000 children in the United States in the foster care system, some of which live in Grand Island. By December 2007, twenty-four children in Grand Island, Hall County will finalize adoption from foster care. Mayor Hornady has proclaimed the month of November, 2007 as "National Adoption Month" and would encourage citizens to help secure permanent, loving homes for each and every child in Grand Island, See attached PROCLAMATION.

Staff Contact: Mayor Margaret Hornady

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

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, today, there are 513,000 children in the United States foster care system. Some children in foster care are in need of adoptive home and live in Grand Island, Hall County. This November marks the seventeenth annual National Adoption Month. Our task is to find permanent homes for all our children. Every child in America, every child in Grand Island, Hall County deserves a permanent, loving family and home; and
- WHEREAS, finding families is our goal for waiting children in Grand Island, Hall County; and
- WHEREAS, many of these children have physical, emotional and/or behavioral challenges; and
- WHEREAS, many of these children are brothers and sister who want to grow up together; and
- WHEREAS, in 2006, twenty-six children in Grand Island, Hall County were adopted from foster care; and
- WHEREAS, by December 2007, twenty-four children in Grand Island, Hall County will finalize adoption from foster care; and
- WHEREAS, children from foster care in Grand Island, Hall County are awaiting loving, permanent families; and
- WHEREAS, every child deserves a place to call home.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Margaret Hornady, Mayor of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2007 as

“NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH”

in the City of Grand Island, and encourage all citizens to help secure permanent, loving homes for each and every child in Grand Island, regardless of race, age, gender, health, emotional or behavioral challenge or past distress.

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-third day of October in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Seven.

Margaret Hornady
Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

RaNaë Edwards
RaNaë Edwards, City Clerk

