



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 04, 2008

Council Session

Item C1

Proclamation "National Adoption Month" November, 2008

In 2007 there were 51,000 children in the United States in the foster care system, some of which live in Grand Island. By December 2008, thirty-four children in Grand Island, Hall County who are in foster care will finalize adoption. Mayor Hornady has proclaimed the month of November, 2008 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 Hornady

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

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, in 2007 there were 51,000 children in the United States in foster care who had an adoption finalized across the nation. In Nebraska there are 409 children in foster care in need of adoptive homes. This November marks the 18th annual National Adoption Month. Our task is to find permanent homes for all our children. Every child in America, every child in Nebraska, every child in Grand Island, deserves a permanent, loving family and home; and
- WHEREAS, finding families is our goal for waiting children in the Grand Island area; 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 2008 Nebraska had 462 adoptions finalized; and
- WHEREAS, in 2007, thirty children in the Grand Island area were adopted from foster care; and
- WHEREAS, by December 2008, thirty-four children in the Grand Island area, will finalize adoption from foster care; and
- WHEREAS, 409 children from foster Nebraska in foster care 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, 2008 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 fourth day of October
in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eight.

Margaret Hornady
Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards
RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

