



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Council Session

## Item C1

### **Proclamation "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month" April, 2009**

*More than one and a half million people in the United States are affected by the progressive disorder of Parkinson's disease, with the State of Nebraska ranking among the highest state in the nation. Research, patient/family services, and education try to "Ease the Burden and Find the Cure" for this devastating disease which attacks the central nervous system. The Mayor has proclaimed the month of April 2009 as "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month" and encourages all citizens to recognize and honor those who work with the American Parkinson Disease Association, Inc. and their value to the residents of Grand Island. See attached PROCLAMATION.*

Staff Contact: Mayor Hornady

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

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a progressive disorder of the central nervous system, affecting more than one and a half million people in the United States. Approximately 40,000 new patients will be diagnosed this year, with 10-20% of them being under the age of 50. The State of Nebraska has the highest prevalence of Parkinson's disease per capita in the world; and
- WHEREAS, the American Parkinson Disease Association, Inc. founded in 1961, has sought to "Ease the Burden and Find the Cure" for this disease through research, patient and family services, education and sponsorship of 63 Chapters, 57 Information and Referral Centers, and 800 support groups throughout the United States; and
- WHEREAS, the world, the nation, the state, and the City of Grand Island observe "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month" in April 2009; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island recognizes the efforts of the local Parkinson Support Group as well as the Nebraska Chapter and Information and Referral Center to raise funds and promote awareness to fight Parkinson's Disease, thereby improving the quality of life for those living with the disease.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Margaret Hornady, Mayor of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2009 as

**"PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH"**


in the City of Grand Island, and encourage all citizens to recognize and honor those who work with the American Parkinson Disease Association, Inc. and their value to the residents of Grand Island.

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-fourth day of March in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Nine.



  
Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

  
RaNae Edwards, City Clerk