



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

Council Session

Item C1

Proclamation "National Adoption Month" November, 2009

There are an estimated 130,000 children in the United States in the foster care system, some of which live in Grand Island. By December 2009, twenty-four children in Grand Island, Hall County who are in foster care will finalize adoption. Mayor Hornady has proclaimed the month of November, 2009 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

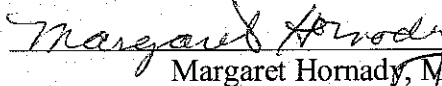
- WHEREAS, this November marks the 19th annual National Adoption Month; and
- WHEREAS, there are an estimated 130,000 children across the United States waiting for adoptive homes or for that moment of finalization of their adoptions; and
- WHEREAS, every child in the Grand Island Area, across the State, and even across the Nation deserves a loving, caring, permanent family; and
- WHEREAS in Nebraska there are approximately 100 children in care of the State, for whom adoptive homes are needed; and
- WHEREAS, it is our goal to find families for these children, no matter where they might live; and
- WHEREAS, many of these children have physical, emotional and/or behavioral challenges; and
- WHEREAS, many of these children are brothers and sisters who want to grow up together; and
- WHEREAS, in 2008, a record 572 children in care of the State found permanency through adoption; and
- WHEREAS, in 2008, thirty-four children in care of the State in the Grand Island area were adopted; and
- WHEREAS, by the end of December 2009, 24 children in care of the State from the Grand Island area, will finalize adoptions; and
- WHEREAS, every child deserves a place to call home, not only now but into adulthood;

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

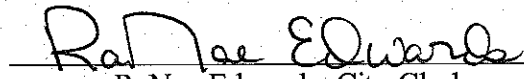
“NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH”

in the City of Grand Island, and encourage all citizens to help secure permanent, loving homes for each and every child in Grand Island, and the State of Nebraska, 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 tenth day of November in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Nine.


Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:


RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

