



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Council Session

Item C1

Proclamation "Senior Corps Week" September 20-24, 2010

Approximately 30 volunteers over 55 years old in Hall County represent the Senior Corps - Foster Grandparent program by giving of their time and talent by serving more than 15 schools, nonprofit child care centers, including faith-based groups and Head Start programs. Mayor Hornady has proclaimed the week of September 20-24, 2010 as "Senior Corps Week" and encourages all citizens to recognize Senior Corps volunteers and programs for their valuable impact on our community. See attached PROCLAMATION.

Staff Contact: Mayor Hornady

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

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, older Americans bring a lifetime of skills and experience as parents, workers, and citizens that can be tapped to meet challenges in our community; and
- WHEREAS, for more than four decades Senior Corps programs – including Foster Grandparents – have proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans 55 and over in meeting national and community needs; and
- WHEREAS, each year Senior Corps – Foster Grandparent program – provides opportunities for nearly 30,000 older Americans across the nation, including approximately 30 in Hall County, to serve their communities; and
- WHEREAS, Foster Grandparent volunteers last year in Hall County provided more than 27,000 hours of service worth more than \$560,000, helping to improve the lives of our children, strengthening our educational system and reinforcing values; and
- WHEREAS, Senior Corps volunteers build capacity of organizations and communities by serving through more than 15 schools, nonprofit child care centers, including faith-based groups and Head Start programs; and
- WHEREAS, at a time of mounting social needs and growing interest in service by older Americans, there is an unprecedented opportunity to harness the talents of 55-plus volunteers to address community challenges; and
- WHEREAS, service by older Americans helps volunteers by keeping them active, healthy, and engaged; helps our communities by solving local problems, and helps our nation by saving taxpayer dollars, reducing healthcare costs, and strengthening our democracy; and
- WHEREAS, the inaugural Senior Corps Week, taking place September 20-24, 2010, is an opportunity to thank Foster Grandparent volunteers for their service and recognize their impact and value to our communities and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Margaret Hornady, Mayor of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim the week of September 20-24, 2010 as


“SENIOR CORPS WEEK”

in the City of Grand Island, and encourage all citizens to recognize Senior Corps volunteers and programs for their valuable impact on our communities.

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


Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:


RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

