



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 08, 2011

Council Session

## Item C1

### Proclamation "Week of Kindness and Sole" March 13-19, 2011

*Grand Island Senior High, Grand Island Northwest, Grand Island Central Catholic, and Heartland Lutheran High School are joining the Think Kindness organization to help place shoes on the feet of children around the world. The goal is to raise 35,000 pairs of shoes to give to children in need. The Mayor has proclaimed the week of March 13-19, 2011 as "Week of Kindness and Sole". See attached PROCLAMATION.*

Staff Contact: Mayor Vavricek

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

PROCLAMATION

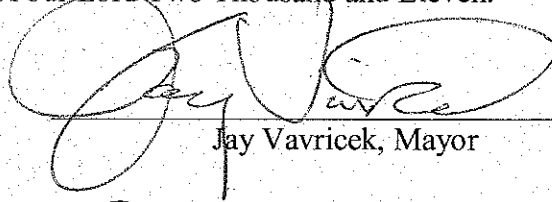
- WHEREAS, 300 million children in the world do not have shoes, while over 2 billion shoes are collecting dust in the closets of Americans around the country; and
- WHEREAS, Think Kindness is an organization works to inspire the simplest acts of kindness to make a difference in the world; and
- WHEREAS, kindness is one of the most powerful interpersonal tools that we, as human beings, use to connect with one another. Kindness is a language that everyone understands; and
- WHEREAS, kindness crosses all those distinctions that we sometimes place among ourselves – distinctions of race, religion, culture, gender, age. Through kindness, we celebrate diversity; and
- WHEREAS, we as United State Citizens have not only the privilege but the responsibility to make our world a better place. Even by small, everyday, seemingly simple acts of kindness; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island is celebrating its Week of Kindness and Sole by encouraging schools, employees and community groups to participate to make a massive difference in our community and world from the feet up; and
- WHEREAS, the four Grand Island High Schools, Grand Island Senior High, Grand Island Northwest, Grand Island Central Catholic, and Heartland Lutheran High School are about to join the Think Kindness organization in embracing the world with kindness; and partake in their challenge to Change The World.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Vavricek, Mayor of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim the week of March 13-19, 2011 as

***“WEEK OF KINDNESS AND SOLE”***

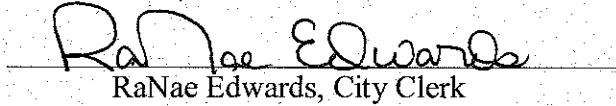
in the City of Grand Island, and encourage all citizens to participate by helping us place shoes on the feet of children around the world. While spreading kindness and practicing respect, generosity, patience, and consideration of others at all times in order to create a better, kinder, safer and more peaceful community.

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



Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:



RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

