



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

Council Session

Item C2

Proclamation "Kick Butts Day 2011" March 23, 2011

Tobacco Free Hall County is sponsoring an annual national initiative that makes elementary, middle and high school students leaders in the fight against youth tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke. Mayor Vavricek has proclaimed March 23, 2011 as "Kick Butts Day 2011". See attached PROCLAMATION.

Staff Contact: Mayor Vavricek

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Tobacco Free Hall County estimates one fifth of all high school students (grades 9-12) are current smokers; along with nearly one out of every ten eighth graders; and

WHEREAS, three million high school students are current smokers; and more than a third of all kids who ever try smoking a cigarette become new regular, daily smokers before leaving high school; and

WHEREAS, one out of three youth smokers may ultimately die prematurely from smoking-related diseases, unless current trends are reversed; and

WHEREAS, smoking kills more than 400,000 Americans each year, representing more deaths than from AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, murders, suicides, drugs and fires combined; and

WHEREAS, most of these deaths could be prevented; and

WHEREAS, Kick Butts Day is an annual national initiative sponsored by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids that makes elementary, middle and high school students leaders in the fight against youth tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke; and


WHEREAS, the Grand Island City Council of Grand Island, Nebraska wishes to stand up with the children of Grand Island, Nebraska in opposition to the sale, advertising and marketing of tobacco products to children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Vavricek, Mayor of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim March 23, 2011 as

“KICK BUTTS DAY 2011”

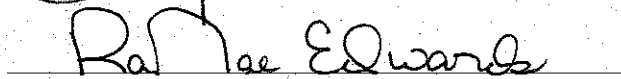
in the City of Grand Island, Nebraska.

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-second day of March in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eleven.



Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:



RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

