



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Council Session

Item C-1

Proclamation Nebraska State Fair 1868 Foundation "Blue Ribbon Roll Out Week" July 30 – August 4, 2012

The Nebraska State Fair started in 1868 and has been held at the State Fair Park in Lincoln until 2009 (108 years). Beginning in 2010, the Nebraska State Fair has been held at Fonner Park in Grand Island. The Nebraska State Fair 1868 Foundation, a non-profit organization whose purpose is to raise private funds for the Nebraska State Fair, will be celebrating the eighth annual "Blue Ribbon Roll Out" on Saturday, August 4, 2012 to raise funds for improvements to the grounds and facilities. The Mayor has proclaimed the week of July 30, 2012 as "Blue Ribbon Roll Out Week". See attached PROCLAMATION.

Staff Contact: Mayor Jay Vavricek

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1868, the Nebraska State Fair became an annual statewide celebration of agriculture, education and a showcase of the talents found in Nebraskans both young and old; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Nebraska State Fair took up permanent residence at Fonner Park in Grand Island, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Nebraskans will celebrate the 143rd annual Nebraska State Fair at its home in Grand Island beginning on August 24, 2012 and continuing through September 3, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the home of the Nebraska State Fair will continue to be the place where all Nebraskans can come together to honor and celebrate their heritage and their ties to agriculture, 4-H and FFA; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska State Fair 1868 Foundation is a charitable 501(c)(3) organization whose purpose is to raise private funds for the Nebraska State Fair; and

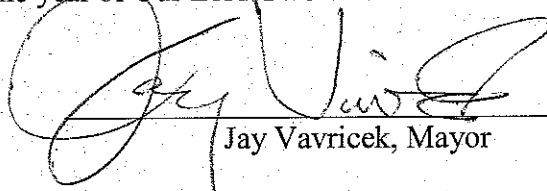
WHEREAS, the Nebraska State Fair 1868 Foundation will be celebrating the eighth annual Blue Ribbon Roll Out on Saturday, August 4, 2012 to highlight the 2012 Nebraska State Fair and raise funds for improvements to the grounds and facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Vavricek, Mayor of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim the week of July 30, 2012 as

“Blue Ribbon Roll Out Week”

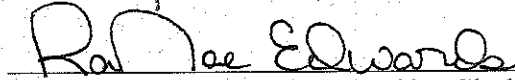
in the City of Grand Island, and encourage all citizens to join in the celebration and encourage everyone to attend the Blue Ribbon Roll Out as you do not need to be a 1868 Foundation member to attend. Get set to enjoy a taste of what the fair is all about while helping to strengthen efforts for the State Fair in its new home.

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 the month of July in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.



Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:



RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

