



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

Council Session

Item C2

Proclamation "National Adoption Month" November, 2012

There are an estimated 100,000 children in the United States in the foster care system, some of which live in Grand Island. By December 2012, twenty-one children in Grand Island, Hall County who are in foster care will finalize adoption. Mayor Vavricek has proclaimed the month of November, 2012 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 Jay Vavricek

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

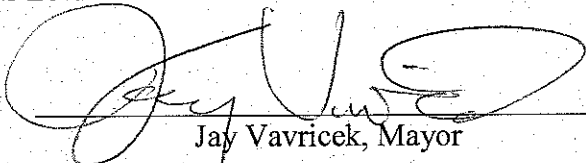
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, this November marks the 22nd annual National Adoption Month; and
- WHEREAS, there are an estimated 100,000 children across the United States in foster care, 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, 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 2011, 479 children in care of the State found permanency through adoption; and
- WHEREAS, in 2011, twenty-five children in care of the State, in the Grand Island area, were adopted; and
- WHEREAS, by the end of December 2012, 21 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, Jay Vavricek, Mayor of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2012 as

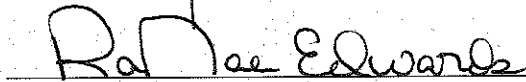
"NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH"

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 30th day of October in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twelve.


Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:


RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

