



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 25, 2003
Special Meeting/Study Session

Item -4

Proclamation "Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" March 2003

Citizens with disabilities contribute much to the quality of life in the community and state. Greater public awareness and acceptance of people with disabilities is the goal of the Bethphage's Grand Island program and the Mayor's Office, to create a place where all people can explore and develop their potential, enjoy productive work, and contribute to the life of the community. Mayor Vavricek has proclaimed the month of March, 2003 as "Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" and encourages citizens to look beyond people's disabilities and focus instead upon their diverse abilities and unique contributions to our community. See attached PROCLAMATION.

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In Observance of
Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the citizens of Grand Island with disabilities who are active citizens and contribute much to the quality of life in the community and state, and

WHEREAS, greater public awareness and acceptance of people with disabilities will increase their access to community housing, employment, and social and recreational opportunities, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of our community to create a place where all people can explore and develop their potential, can enjoy productive work, and can contribute meaningfully to the life of the community, and

WHEREAS, Bethphage's Grand Island program has worked jointly with the Mayor's Office to secure this proclamation, and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of Grand Island to promote positive perceptions of persons with disabilities,

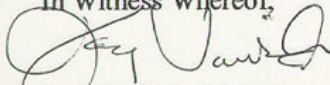
NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay Vavricek, Mayor do hereby designate the month of

March 2003

Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

And ask the citizens of our community to look beyond people's disabilities and focus instead upon their diverse abilities and unique contributions to the community.

In Witness Whereof,



Jay Vavricek, Mayor
City of Grand Island

Dated this 25 of March, 2003

