

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION TO DECLARE OCTOBER 23 - 31, 2016, AS RED RIBBON WEEK IN FAUQUIER COUNTY

WHEREAS, cities across the United States of America have been plagued by the numerous problems associated with alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use; and

WHEREAS, there is hope in winning the War on Drugs, and that hope lies in the hard work and determination of our communities to create a drug free environment; and

WHEREAS, local leaders in government and in the community know that the ongoing support and personal commitment of the people in the neighborhoods is the most effective tool they have in efforts to reduce use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs; and

WHEREAS, in 1988 the Red Ribbon Campaign was established by Congress to promote this belief and to encourage a drug-free lifestyle and involvement in drug prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, the red ribbon was chosen as a symbol commemorating the work of Drug Enforcement Administration agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, who was murdered in the line of duty and has come to represent the belief that one person *can* make a difference; and

WHEREAS, October 23 - 31, 2016, has been designated National Red Ribbon Week calling on all Americans to show their support for a drug-free state by wearing a red ribbon and participating in drug-free activities during that week; and

WHEREAS, the Col. Wesley Fox Young Marines value the health and safety of all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Red Ribbon Week Campaign theme promotes family and individual responsibilities for living healthy, drug-free lifestyles, without illegal drugs or the illegal use of legal drugs; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Young Marines to involve families, schools businesses, churches, law enforcement agencies and service organizations in all aspects of this campaign and establish an atmosphere that supports awareness, education and on-going initiatives to prevent illegal drug use; now, therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED by the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of October 2016, That the Board hereby declares the week of October 23 - 31, 2016, as Red Ribbon Week in Fauquier County, and encourages all citizens to join the rest of the Commonwealth of Virginia in promoting a drug-free America.

Christopher N. Granger
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors