



Proclamation

RED RIBBON WEEK

OCTOBER 23-31, 2023

WHEREAS, communities across America have been plagued by the numerous problems associated with illicit drug use and those that traffic them; and

WHEREAS, there is hope in winning the war on drugs, and that hope lies in education and drug demand reduction, coupled with the hard work and determination of organizations such as the Southeast County Young Marines and the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League to foster a healthy, drug-free lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, governments and community leaders know that citizen support is one of the most effective tools in the effort to reduce the use of illicit drugs in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the red ribbon has been chosen as a symbol commemorating the work of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent who was murdered in the line of duty, and represents the belief that one person can make the difference; and

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

WHEREAS, October 23-31 has been designated as the national Red Ribbon Week, which encourages Americans to wear a red ribbon to show their support for a drug-free environment; and

WHEREAS, the national 2023 Red Ribbon Campaign Theme is "Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug Free."

NOW, THEREFORE I, Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor of the City of Westminster, on behalf of Vice Mayor NamQuan Nguyen, and Council Members Amy Phan West, Carlos Manzo, and Kimberly Ho do hereby proclaim October 23-31, 2023, as **RED RIBBON WEEK** in the City of Westminster and encourage all citizens to support a drug-free lifestyle.

Signed and Dated this 27th day of September 2023 by the City Council.

Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor

NamQuan Nguyen, Vice Mayor, District 4

Amy Phan West, Council Member, District 1

Carlos Manzo, Council Member, District 2

Kimberly Ho, Council Member, District 3