



A PROCLAMATION

**BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SMYRNA
In Recognition of 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 in 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 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 a 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 National Red Ribbon Week, which encourages Americans to wear a red ribbon to show their support for a drug-free environment; Now,
- Therefore:** I, Derek Norton, Mayor of the City of Smyrna, Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 23-31 as RED RIBBON WEEK and urge all citizens to join me in this special observance by wearing a red ribbon to promote a drug-free environment and participating in drug prevention and reduction activities.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Smyrna to be affixed upon this 16th day of October in the year of Our Lord 2023.

Derek Norton

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