PROCLAMATION

HEREAS, communities across America have been plagued by the numerous problems associated with illicit drug use and that hope in winning the war on drugs lies in education and reduction of drug demand, coupled with the hard work 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 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 Oct. 23-31st 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, Mayor Teri Johnston, and the entire City Commission do hereby proclaim Oct. 23-October 31st as

RED RIBBON WEEK

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 16th day of October 2019.

Teri Johnston, Mayor_____

Sam Kaufman, Vice Mayor_____

Mary Lou Hoover, City Commissioner

Jimmy Weekley, City Commissioner_____

Billy Wardlow, City Commissioner_____

Gregory Davila, City Commissioner_____

Clayton L. Lopez, City Commissioner