



PROCLAMATION

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, government 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

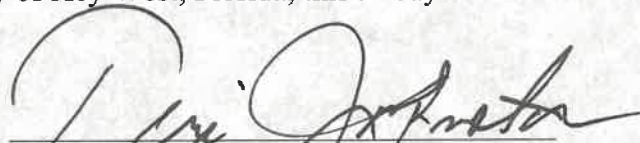
WHEREAS, October 23-31 has been designated National Red Ribbon Week, which encourages Americans to wear a red ribbon to show their support for a drug-free environment and the City of Key West encourages support for a drug-free lifestyle all throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim October 23-31 as

RED RIBBON WEEK

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States." I would like to urge all citizens, residents, and visitors of our Southernmost City to join me in this observance not only during this week but all throughout the year.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 9th day of November 2023.


Teri Johnston, Mayor