



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Drug and alcohol abuse continue to plague countless individuals and communities across the United States; and

WHEREAS: Through education and efforts to reduce demand, organizations and agencies nationwide are working diligently to end widespread drug and alcohol abuse. Among these organizations is our local Atlantic Coast Young Marines of the Marine Corps League, which shares messages that encourage a healthy, drug-free lifestyle for all; and

WHEREAS: Government and community leaders recognize that citizen support is one of the most effective tools in the effort to reduce illicit drug use in our communities; and

WHEREAS: The Red Ribbon Campaign was established by Congress in 1988 to encourage a drug-free lifestyle and participation in drug prevention and reduction efforts; and

WHEREAS: The red ribbon was chosen as a symbol to commemorate the work of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent who was murdered in the line of duty in 1985. This symbol serves as a reminder that one person can make a difference; and

WHEREAS: In observance of National Red Ribbon Week on October 23-31, all Americans are invited to wear a red ribbon to show support for a drug-free environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of October 23 - 31, 2018 as

RED RIBBON WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to participate in our community's drug prevention and education efforts.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 19th day of October in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA