

BARSTOW UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION # 8 2026-2027
RED RIBBON WEEK
October 23-31, 2026

WHEREAS, the annual Red Ribbon Celebration will be observed across America during *Red Ribbon Week* October 23-31, 2026. The mission of the Red Ribbon Campaign is to present a unified and visible commitment towards the creation of a DRUG - FREE AMERICA.

WHEREAS, The National Family Partnership organized the first Nationwide Red Ribbon Campaign. NFP provides drug awareness by sponsoring the annual National Red Ribbon Celebration. Since its beginning in 1985, the Red Ribbon has touched the lives of millions of people around the world. In response to the murder of DEA Agent Enrique Camarena, angered parents and youth in communities across the country began wearing Red Ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to raise awareness of the killing and destruction cause by drugs in America.

WHEREAS, National Family Partnership is the sponsor of the National Red Ribbon Week® Celebration. They are helping citizens across the country come together to keep children, families and communities safe, healthy and drug-free, through parent training, networking and sponsoring the National Red Ribbon Campaign®. A theme unifies each year's campaign and helps broadcast one message, creating a tipping point to change behavior. The Red Ribbon theme for 2026 is "*Be A Hero. Stay Drug Free.*"

WHEREAS, parents, youth, government, business, law enforcement, schools, religious institutions, service organizations, social services, health services, media, and the general public will demonstrate their commitment to drug-free communities by wearing and displaying red ribbons during this week-long celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Barstow Unified School District hereby recognizes the week of October 23-31, 2026, as *Red Ribbon Week* and pledges its support to an educational environment that demonstrates a commitment to healthy alcohol- and drug-free lifestyles. Additionally, Friday October 23rd will be recognized as "Rock Red Day" in which all staff and students are invited to wear red in support of Red Ribbon Week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Barstow Unified School District encourages all its students and employees to contribute to a drug and alcohol abuse-free society through active participation in drug prevention education programs and activities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22 of September, 2026.

Secretary, Board of Trustees