



PROCLAMATION

— Red Ribbon Week – October 23-31, 2025 —

- WHEREAS: Alcohol and drug abuse in this Nation have reached epidemic stages. It is imperative that visible, unified prevention education efforts by community members be launched to eliminate the demand for drugs; and
- WHEREAS: Substance abuse is particularly damaging to one of our most valuable resources, our children, and a contributing factor in the three leading causes of death for teenagers: accidents, homicides, and suicides; and
- WHEREAS: The National Red Ribbon Campaign offers citizens the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to drug-free lifestyles (no use of illegal drugs, no illegal use of legal drugs). The National Red Ribbon Campaign will be celebrated in every community in America during Red Ribbon Week, October 23-31 and this year's theme is "Life is a Puzzle, Solve it Drug Free."
- WHEREAS: Students, schools, parents, business, government, law enforcement, media, medical institutions, religious institutions, senior citizens, service organizations, and youth will demonstrate their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during this week-long campaign. The community of DeKalb County School District further commits its resources to ensure the success of the Red Ribbon Campaign.
- THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED, We, the Board members of DeKalb County School District, do hereby proclaim October 23-31 as RED RIBBON WEEK, and encourage its students to participate in drug prevention education activities not only during Red Ribbon Week, but all year long. This makes a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug-free lifestyle and an outstanding future.



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