



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 Mecklenburg County 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,

WHEREAS, the red ribbon has been chosen as a symbol commemorating the work of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration Special 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, the last week in October has been designated as National Red Ribbon Week; individuals and groups across the country will be celebrating with the theme – ***"You Only Live Once – Be Drug Free"*** – which encourages Americans to wear a red ribbon to show their support for a drug-free environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners proclaims the week of October 23 -31, 2016 as

RED RIBBON WEEK

in Gaston County and urge all citizens to join in this special observance.

Tom Keigher, Chairman

Chad Brown

Tracy L. Philbeck

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Mickey Price

Allen R. Fraley

Jason Williams, Vice-Chairman

To be Adopted the 11th Day of October 2016



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Board Action

File #: 16-285

Commissioner Keigher - Proclamation - To Proclaim October 23 - 31, 2016 as "Red Ribbon Week" in Gaston County

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BACKGROUND

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ATTACHMENTS

Proclamation

I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	Brown	Carpenter	Fraleigh	Keigher	Philbeck	Price	Williams	Vote
2016-282	10/11/2016	JC	JW	AB	A	A	A	AB	AB	A	U

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