



Proclamation

WHEREAS, alcohol and drug abuse affect individuals, families, and communities across Marion County, FL and the nation; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that visible, unified efforts by community members be launched to prevent drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, Red Ribbon Week offers citizens the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to drug-free lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated in Marion County, FL and across the nation on October 23-31; and

WHEREAS, businesses, government, law enforcement, media, health care providers, religious institutions, schools, and other community-based organizations will demonstrate their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles by wearing red ribbons and participating in drug prevention activities; and

WHEREAS, The Community Council Against Substance Abuse, a workgroup of Marion County Children's Alliance and community partners, further commits its resources to ensure the success of Red Ribbon Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 23-31, as

RED RIBBON WEEK

in Ocala and I encourage all residents to participate in drug prevention education activities, not only during Red Ribbon Week but throughout the year, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug-free lifestyle.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 20th day of October 2020.



Kent Guinn, Mayor
City of Ocala