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RE: Red Ribbon Week Proclamation

To Whom It May Concern,

I am an Etowah Valley Young Marine. I am writing to request your help.

Red Ribbon Week will be the last week of October and the Young Marines in our great state of Georgia will be actively participating in this nationally recognized anti-illicit drug awareness event. We need your help. Can you help me assist us in publicizing and promoting this week by issuing a proclamation that boldly declares your community's support and commitment in the fight against illegal drugs and those that promote their? Attached you will find a couple of sample proclamations to assist in this effort.

The mission of the Young Marine program is to develop good citizenship and promote a healthy, drug free lifestyle in our youth. Drug awareness and education are vital and key elements in the Young fight against illicit drug use and trafficking in our communities. To win this war on drugs, we must reduce the demand for illicit drugs and one of the best ways to this mission is through education and awareness. Red Ribbon Week is an excellent opportunity to promote illicit drug awareness and we hope that you will join with us and in this campaign. Young Marines will actively and aggressively participate in the Red Ribbon Week campaign. Having the city's support in this Young Marine project will greatly assist us in getting our anti-drug message out.

In showing your support with your proclamation we will be working together to rid our state, starting in your city of illicit drug use and those that traffic and profit from them. The Young Marine program is having a positive impact in our communities and we are developing responsible citizenship in our youth. We need your help in this effort.

Will you please support us with a proclamation? If so, please notify me. It can be mailed to the above address.

Thank you so much for your cooperation and support with the Red Ribbon Week campaign.

Sincerely yours,

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Age 11

Grade 6th

PROCLAMATION

GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 23-31, 2017 RED RIBBON WEEK IN GORDON COUNTY

- 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 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'e' "Kiki" Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration 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,** October 23-31 has been designated National Red Ribbon Week, which encourages Americans to wear a red ribbon to show their support for a drug -free environment.

NOW THEREFORE, the Gordon County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 23-31 as **RED RIBBON WEEK** in Gordon County, and urges all citizens to join us in this special observance.

Signed the 17th day of October in the year of our Lord, two thousand and seventeen.

GORDON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Becky Hood, Chairman