



Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

WHEREAS, the cost of alcohol and other drug abuse in the United States exceeds \$600 billion annually and results in lost lives, destroyed families, traffic fatalities, drownings, child and spousal abuse, rapes, assaults, suicides, and homicides; and

WHEREAS, research shows that youth use of substances is directly correlated to the perception of harm and adult attitudes towards substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, alcohol continues to be the drug of choice for our children, and underage drinking costs the citizens of Florida \$4.5 billion (\$62 million in Manatee County); and

WHEREAS, research shows IQ drops of 8 points at age 38 when regular marijuana use begins during teen years; and

WHEREAS, the potency of marijuana has risen since 1983 by 151% (and as much as 700% depending on particular strains); and

WHEREAS, healthcare costs related to medicine abuse is \$72.5 billion nationally, and everyday 2,500 teens use a prescription drug to get high for the first time; and

WHEREAS, the Red Ribbon Campaign was established by Congress in 1988 to honor the memory of Enrique 'Kiki' Camerena, a DEA Officer murdered by a drug cartel in the line of duty, and Red Ribbon is the nation's largest substance abuse prevention campaign and calls a community to action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that the week of October 23-31, 2013, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

RED RIBBON WEEK

in Manatee County, Florida.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 8th day of October 2013.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By:

Larry Bustle, Chairman

ATTEST:

R. B. "Chips" Shore
Clerk of Circuit Court

By:

Deputy Clerk



October 8, 2013 - Regular Meeting
Agenda Item #7

Subject

Red Ribbon Week

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED in Open Session
October 8, 2013
Manatee County Board of County
Commissioners

Action Requested

Adopt Proclamation designating October 23-31, 2013, as "Red Ribbon Week" in Manatee County.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

Background Discussion

Sharon Kramer, Jessica Spencer, and Rita Chamberlain, Manatee County Substance Abuse Coalition, will be present to accept the Proclamation.

County Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Explanation of Other

Reviewing Attorney

N/A

Instructions to Board Records

None.

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

Attachment: [Red Ribbon Week - 10.08.13.pdf](#)