



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, alcohol and drug abuse affect individuals, families, and communities across Marion County, Florida 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.



Kent Guinn, Mayor  
City of Ocala