



RED RIBBON WEEK PROCLAMATION 2008

- WHEREAS**, alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse in the United States prevents millions of people from reaching their full potential in school, in the workplace, and in their communities; and
- WHEREAS**, research indicates that young people who avoid the early use of alcohol, tobacco and marijuana are five times less likely to engage in violence, risky sexual behavior, poor academic performance, additional drug use and other harmful behaviors; and
- WHEREAS**, founded by Congress in 1988 in honor of undercover Drug Enforcement Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena who was kidnapped, tortured and murdered by members of a drug gang in Mexico on February 7, 1985, National Red Ribbon Week is designed to raise awareness of the dangers of the underage use and adult abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs; and
- WHEREAS** the 2008 annual observance of Red Ribbon Week provides Nantucket residents the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to healthy lifestyles and to celebrate the safe, healthy choices that MOST young people and adults make everyday on Nantucket by wearing and displaying red ribbons and sharing information; and so
- NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Nantucket Board of Selectman do hereby proclaim **October 27-31, 2008** as **NANTUCKET RED RIBBON WEEK**, and encourage all citizens, businesses, and private agencies, media, religious and educational institutions to support and promote activities that raise awareness and encourage prevention of underage substance use and adult substance abuse. As well, we call on all Nantucket residents and visitors to wear a red ribbon button throughout the week in recognition of their commitment to a healthy lifestyle, free of substance abuse for residents of all ages in our Nantucket community.

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