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Nantucket Board of Selectman  
Chairman Michael Kopko  
Town Building, 16 Broad Street  
Sheriff's Office, Second Floor  
Nantucket, MA 02554

17 October 2008

Dear Mr. Kopko,

The Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention is celebrating **Red Ribbon Week** on Nantucket and, with the help of other community leaders, joining with the island's youth, parents, teachers and adult volunteers to help educate our children and young people about the dangers of drugs, alcohol and tobacco. We write to ask that you support Red Ribbon Week by signing our 'Red Ribbon Proclamation', attached.

National Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol and drug prevention awareness campaign observed annually during the last full week in October – scheduled this year for October 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>. ASAP regards Red Ribbon Week as our 'kick off' to a year of prevention activities and events in the school and the community and provides an opportunity for students, parents, teachers, friends, neighbors and everyone who works and lives in the community to praise the safe healthy choices that MOST young people and adults make everyday on Nantucket.

While working undercover in Mexico more than 20 years ago, DEA special agent Enrique 'Kiki' Camarena was kidnapped, tortured and killed following the discovery of his true identity. To honor his life and work, students and schools across the country wear red ribbons in recognition of one man's sacrifice to prevent underage substance use and adult substance abuse. US Congress established National Red Ribbon Week in 1988 to promote the belief that one person CAN make a difference and to encourage healthy drug-free lifestyles and to promote active involvement in drug prevention efforts.

Nantucket Red Ribbon's goal is to secure a safe and healthy future for our children by promoting drug prevention, education, parental involvement and communitywide support. The widespread display of this symbol during the last week of October each year helps raise awareness of the need and importance of substance abuse prevention and education programs and serves as a reminder that we can all make a difference.

On behalf of the ASAP Board, we appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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*The Mission of the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention, Inc. is to provide leadership, education and support in the community for the prevention and treatment of alcoholism, addictions, substance abuse and related problems.*