



MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

RED RIBBON WEEK

- WHEREAS, the VILLAGE OF FOLSOM values the health and safety of all its citizens; and
- WHEREAS, substance abuse is particularly damaging to one of our most valuable resources, our children, and a contributing factor in the three leading causes of death for teenagers - accidents, homicides, and suicides; and
- WHEREAS, the red ribbon was chosen as a symbol commemorating the work of Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration Agent, who was murdered in the line of duty and has come to represent the belief that one person can make a difference; and
- WHEREAS, the Red Ribbon Campaign was established by Congress in 1988 to promote this belief and encourage a drug-free lifestyle and involvement in drug prevention efforts; and
- WHEREAS, PRIDE’s mission is to promote healthy, productive lifestyle choices empowering youth and adults to better their community; and
- WHEREAS, Every year, PRIDE provides St. Tammany Parish school children with red wristbands with messages to help raise awareness of drug dangers and alternative responsible actions within the schools; and
- WHEREAS, PRIDE asks government and businesses within our parish to help “Paint the Parish Red” by hanging red ribbons, balloons, or decorations on doors outside offices and businesses, having red “specials”, and even wearing red clothing to work; and

WHEREAS, PRIDE appreciatively requests that the **VILLAGE OF FOLSOM** show recognition of Red Ribbon Week **"Respect Yourself! Be Drug Free!"** by proclamation during the week of **October 23-27, 2017**.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Bettye M. Boggs, Mayor** of the Village of Folsom do hereby proclaim the **week of October 23-27, 2017**, as:

"RED RIBBON WEEK IN THE VILLAGE OF FOLSOM"

And encourage all citizens, businesses, public and private agencies, media, religious, and educational institutions to show their support for a drug-free state by wearing a red ribbon and participating in drug-free activities during that week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially on this the 9th day of October, 2017 on this document.



Bettye M. Boggs, Mayor



Andree Core, Municipal Clerk