

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM:** Department of Mental Health

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
September 26, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Red Ribbon Week Proclamation

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Move that the Board of Supervisors support the National and State "Red Ribbon" Campaign, and proclaim the week of October 23 through 31, 2005, as Riverside County Red Ribbon Week.

**BACKGROUND:** On October 5, 2004, Agenda item 2.15, the Board of Supervisors officially proclaimed October 23 through 31, 2004, as Riverside County Red Ribbon Week. The Department of Mental Health is requesting that October 23 through 31, 2005 be proclaimed as "Riverside County Red Ribbon Week".

Now in its twentieth year, The Red Ribbon Week Campaign enables communities to create positive peer pressure by visibly encouraging drug-free choices and promoting the standards held by the majority of the people in our County, State, and nation: "NO USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS AND NO ILLEGAL USE OF LEGAL DRUGS." All citizens are encouraged to wear and/or display red ribbons, as well as participate in drug abuse prevention and awareness programs in their communities during Red Ribbon Week.

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Departmental Concurrence

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Jerry Wengerd, Director  
Department of Mental Health

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$0	\$	N/A	In Current Year Budget:	\$	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$0	\$	N/A	Budget Adjustment:	\$	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$0	\$	N/A	For Fiscal Year:	FY 2005/2006	

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A</b>	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**  
**APPROVE**

**County Executive Office Signature**

Dep't Recomm.:  Consent  Policy  
Per Exec. Ofc.:  Consent  Policy

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** 2.15 of 10/5/04 | **District:** ALL | **Agenda Number:**

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**BACKGROUND CONT'D**

The Red Ribbon Week Celebration began when drug traffickers in Mexico murdered the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Agent Enrique Camarena, in 1985. Red ribbons are worn during the last full week of October as a way for Californians to proclaim "no use of illegal drugs, and no illegal use of legal drugs".

California's Red Ribbon Campaign is coordinated by Californians for Drug Free Youth, Inc. State co-sponsors of the campaign include the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, the Department of Education, the California PTA, and the Attorney General's Crime Prevention Center.

Red Ribbon Week provides Riverside County and the nation with a framework in which to build visible support for the "Drug-Free Celebration." The slogan for this year's campaign is, "Partnering with Families for a Drug-Free Future". Therefore, the Department of Mental Health requests that the Board of Supervisor's proclaim the week of October 23 through 31, 2005 as Riverside County Red Ribbon Week.

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM  
RED RIBBON CELEBRATION**

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** Drug use and abuse has reached pandemic stages in California, and throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** It is imperative that community members launch unified and visible tobacco, alcohol, and other drug prevention education programs and activities to eliminate the demand for these substances; and,

**WHEREAS,** The National **RED RIBBON CELEBRATION** will be celebrated October 23 - 31, 2005 with the theme for this year, **“PARTNERING WITH FAMILIES FOR A DRUG-FREE FUTURE”**; and,

**WHEREAS,** Californians for Drug-Free Youth, Inc., the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, the California Department of Education, the California Parent/Teacher Association, and the Attorney General's Crime Prevention Center are coordinating this grass roots effort in the State of California in a united effort with the National Federation of Parents; and,

**WHEREAS,** Schools, businesses, law enforcement agencies, churches and synagogues, hospitals, and service organizations, government agencies, and individuals will demonstrate their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during this week-long campaign; and,

**WHEREAS,** The County of Riverside commits its resources to ensure the success of the 2005 **RED RIBBON WEEK CELEBRATION**;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the County of Riverside does hereby support October 23 - 31, 2005, as the **RIVERSIDE COUNTY RED RIBBON WEEK**, and encourages its citizens to participate in drug awareness/education activities, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to healthy lives.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside encourages all its citizens to pledge and support:

**“PARTNERING WITH FAMILIES FOR A DRUG-FREE FUTURE”**