

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse has declined over the last two decades thanks to steadfast prevention and intervention efforts, it still remains prevalent in every Florida community regardless of size and location; and

WHEREAS, Floridians must turn their energies toward strengthening families, neighborhoods, and communities and toward educating people about prevention of tobacco, alcohol, and other drug abuse and related issues; and

WHEREAS, research and data reflecting risk and resiliency practices show without question that prevention works; and

WHEREAS, our continued commitment to education, prevention and building positive lifestyles is imperative; and

WHEREAS, the Red Ribbon Celebration was started in 1985 after Federal Agent Enrique Camarena was murdered by drug traffickers, the red ribbon represents the nation's united effort to build a healthy and safe nation; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Florida Red Ribbon Celebration focuses on the importance of supporting young people and strengthening parent/community networks by creating an environment in which our youth may live healthy, safe lives; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Prevention Association, Incorporated coordinates prevention program throughout the state year-round to promote a healthy and safe society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Superintendent and the School Board of Clay County of the State of Florida, concluding a year-round prevention effort, that the week of **October 23-30, 2009**, be designated

"CLAY COUNTY RED RIBBON WEEK"

a week of celebration, when every Clay County resident is encouraged to wear a red ribbon to symbolize our commitment to establishing healthy and safe communities for our citizens, especially our children, and to participate in events throughout the week that support positive lifestyles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during this week, we pay tribute to the law enforcement officers in whose honor we use the symbol of the red ribbon, we look to the strength of a unified community in restoring the peace and order which has suffered with the use of illegal drugs and the misuse of legal drugs, and that we support the efforts of our communities to create healthy and safe neighborhoods.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Clay County School Board has hereunto subscribed their names on this 15th day of October, 2009.

Charles Van Zant, Jr., Chairman

Ben H. Wortham, Superintendent