

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 26-30, 2020  
AS “RED RIBBON WEEK” IN ALABAMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, alcohol and other drug abuse in Alabama takes a terrible toll on families; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that visible, unified prevention education efforts by schools, civic groups, and community members be continued to reduce the demand for alcohol and drugs; and

**WHEREAS**, Red Ribbon Week began in 1985 as a grassroots tribute to slain Special Agent Enrique Camarena of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, Red Ribbon Week is a national campaign offering citizens the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to drug-free lifestyles; and

**WHEREAS**, Red Ribbon Week is a time for gratitude for all the lives that remain drug-free, a time to pledge to live a safe and drug-free life, and a time to remember those we have lost in the fight against drugs; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama’s citizens can demonstrate their commitment to drug-free, healthy lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons and encouraging a drug-free lifestyle during this week-long campaign; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education works shoulder-to-shoulder with social, civic, fraternal, and faith-based organizations to bring the truth about drugs to people young and old year round; and

**WHEREAS**, in partnership with the Foundation for a Drug-Free World, a public benefit organization empowering youth with factual information about drugs so they can make informed decisions to be drug-free, we are committed to creating a **drug-free Alabama** by “reaching kids before drugs do”:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby proclaim October 26-30, 2020, as “Red Ribbon Week” in Alabama public schools and encourages schools and the citizens of our state to participate in drug prevention education activities, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug-free society.

Done this 8th day of October 2020