



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

RED RIBBON WEEK

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, communities across America have been plagued by the numerous problems associated with illicit drug use; and

WHEREAS, efforts to address illicit drug use include prevention education, drug demand reduction, and the expansion of accessible support services in our communities, state, and nation; these initiatives are reflected in the mission of organizations such as the North Carolina Chapters of the Young Marines, who work to foster a healthy, drug-free lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, governments and community leaders know that citizen support is an effective tool in the effort to reduce the use of illicit drugs in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the red ribbon has been chosen as a symbol to commemorate the work of Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent who was murdered in the line of duty, and represents the belief that one person can make a difference; and

WHEREAS, the Red Ribbon Campaign was established by Congress in 1988 to encourage a drug-free lifestyle and engagement in drug prevention and reduction efforts; and

WHEREAS, October 23 – 31 has been designated National Red Ribbon Week, which encourages Americans to join the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League in wearing a red ribbon to show their support for a drug-free environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 23 – 31, 2018, as “**RED RIBBON WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.