

Resolution

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 15-16-14

Honoring

RED RIBBON WEEK

WHEREAS, following the 1985 murders of Special Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and several other people by smugglers, the citizens in Agent Camarena's hometown of Calexico donned red ribbons in his honor and as their symbol for prevention in order to reduce the demand of illegal drugs; and

WHEREAS, taking place the last week in October, **RED RIBBON WEEK** is a grass roots campaign, born in the high schools of the Imperial Valley and created by government teacher David Dhillon, a Punjabi-Mexican-American, to reduce the demand for drugs and encourage a healthy, violence-free lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, with a 2015 theme of “*Respect Yourself. Be Drug Free.*,” **RED RIBBON WEEK** has touched the lives of millions of people around the world and is the nation’s oldest and largest drug prevention program; and

WHEREAS, **RED RIBBON WEEK** encourages participation in drug prevention activities as substance abuse stands as one of the major challenges our communities face, and is particularly damaging to one of our most valuable resources – our students, for it is a contributing factor in the three leading causes of death for teenagers: accidents, homicides and suicides; and

WHEREAS, serving as local catalysts that mobilize our communities and educate our youth and residents, the **Sunrise House** and **Community Human Services** provides residents of all ages with the tools and support to overcome the challenges of addiction and promotes community-wide support for substance abuse prevention, education, and awareness through parental involvement and the promotion of family and individual responsibility for living healthy, drug-free lifestyles, without illegal drugs or the illegal use of legal drugs:

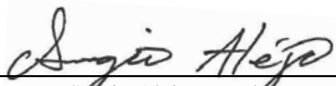
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Education adopts Resolution No. 15-16-14 to proclaim the last week of October to be **RED RIBBON WEEK** in Monterey County, and encourages parents, students, schools, businesses, institutions, organizations, and individuals throughout the County to demonstrate their commitment to drug-free, healthy lifestyles.

**Passed and Adopted
on the
Sixteenth Day of September 2015**

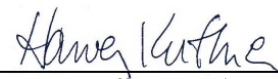

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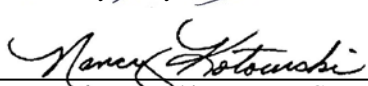

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