

# Resolution

## MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 16-17-13

*Honoring*

### **RED RIBBON WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, with a 2016 You Only Live Once theme of “YOLO. Be Drug Free,” **RED RIBBON WEEK** touches the lives of people across the country and is the nation’s oldest and largest drug prevention program; and

**WHEREAS**, sponsored by the National Family Partnership and taking place annually the last week in October, the national **RED RIBBON WEEK** campaign is a grass roots effort, 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**, in response to the murder of Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Agent Enrique Camarena, angered parents and youth in communities across the country began wearing Red Ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to raise awareness of the killing and destruction caused by drugs in America; and

**WHEREAS**, particularly damaging to our youth, substance abuse stands as one of the major challenges our communities face and **RED RIBBON WEEK** delivers a message of hope to millions of people every year and serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities; and

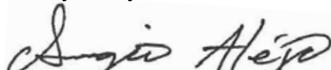
**WHEREAS**, connecting with the community and providing people of all ages with the tools and support to overcome the challenges of addiction and create lasting change in their lives, the **Sunrise House** and **Community Human Services** educates our youth and residents, promotes community-wide support for substance abuse prevention, and offers affordable residential and outpatient substance abuse counseling and recovery options that assist individuals in regaining their physical, emotional, and spiritual health:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Monterey County Board of Education adopts Resolution No. 16-17-13 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 Seventh Day  
of September 2016**

  
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Ron Panziera, President

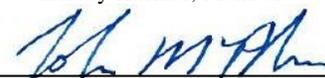
  
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