

# Resolution

## MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-20-15

Recognizing

### RED RIBBON WEEK

October 23 through 31, 2019

**WHEREAS**, drug abuse in this nation has reached epidemic stages and it is imperative that drug prevention education efforts by school districts and community members be launched to eliminate the demand for drugs; and

**WHEREAS**, **RED RIBBON WEEK** is recognized annually during the last week in October and since 1985 has touched the lives of millions of people around the world as the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign; and

**WHEREAS**, educating and encouraging communities and youth to participate in drug prevention activities, **RED RIBBON WEEK** raises awareness of the destruction caused by drugs in America, the major drug challenges our communities face, and the damaging effects drugs have on our youth; and

**WHEREAS**, **RED RIBBON WEEK** is in response to the murder of DEA Agent Enrique Camarena when 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 cause by drugs in America; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 **RED RIBBON WEEK** theme is *Send a Message. Stay Drug Free* and was selected among thousands of Red Ribbon theme ideas submitted by students, parents, educators and members of communities across America; and


**WHEREAS**, the **RED RIBBON WEEK** theme is a call to action to speak out in support of healthy choices and is also a reminder that by staying drug free you are sending a message to yourself and others about how much you value yourself, your overall health, your community, and your future; and


**WHEREAS**, **RED RIBBON WEEK** delivers a message of hope to millions of people every year and serves as a way to educate youth, encourage participation in drug prevention activities, and to take the National Red Ribbon Campaign Pledge to be a part of the creation of a drug free America; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monterey County Board of Education commends the local organizations that educate our youth and residents, promote community-wide support for substance abuse prevention, and offer affordable substance abuse counseling and recovery options that assist individuals in regaining their physical, emotional, and spiritual health:

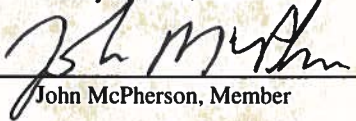
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Monterey County Board of Education adopts Resolution No. 19-20-15 to recognize the last week of October as **RED RIBBON WEEK** and encourages parents, students, schools, businesses, institutions, organizations, and individuals throughout the County to demonstrate their commitment to drug-free, healthy lifestyles.

Passed and Adopted on the  
Sixteenth Day of October 2019

  
Janet Wohlgemuth, President

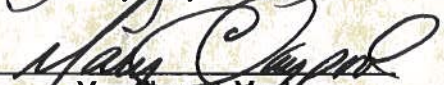
  
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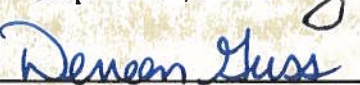
  
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