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PROCLAMATION YOUNG MARINES RED RIBBON WEEK OCTOBER 23-31, 2016

WHEREAS, communities across America have been plagued by the numerous problems associated with illicit drug use and those that traffic in them; *and*

WHEREAS, there is hope in winning the war on drugs, and that hope lies in education and drug demand reduction, coupled with the hard work and determination of organizations such as the Young Marines and the Marine Corps League to foster a healthy, drug-free lifestyle; *and*

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

WHEREAS, the red ribbon has been chosen as a symbol commemorating the work of Enriquée "Kiki" Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration 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 involvement in drug prevention and reduction efforts; *and*

WHEREAS, October 23-31 has been designated National Red Ribbon Week, which encourages Americans to wear a red ribbon to show their support for a drug-free environment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Rowan County Board of Commissioners that October 23-31, 2016 be recognized as **RED RIBBON WEEK** in Rowan County, and urges all citizens to join in this special observance.

This the 3rd day of October, 2016.

Gregory C. Edds, Chairman
Rowan County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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