

# Mecklenburg County

## North Carolina

### Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, communities across America have been plagued by the numerous problems associated with illicit drug use and those that traffic in those communities; 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 Mecklenburg County Young Marines of 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 Enriqu  “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 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 RESOLVED**, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 23-31, 2018 as

#### ***“RED RIBBON WEEK”***

in Mecklenburg County and encourages all citizens to join us in this special observance.

This the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018

*Ella B. Scarborough*

Ella B. Scarborough, Chair  
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners

