

Proclamation

**“RED RIBBON WEEK”
October 23-31, 2017**

WHEREAS, alcohol and drug abuse in this nation have reached epidemic stages; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that visible, unified prevention education efforts by community members be launched to eliminate the demand for drugs; and

WHEREAS, the East Valley Young Marines of Arizona, the local unit of the United States Young Marines, is a youth education and service program for boys and girls that focuses on promoting the mental, moral, and physical development of its members, including character building, leadership and encouraging a healthy, drug-free lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, the Young Marines is the official youth program of the United States Marine Corps and is the focal point for the U.S. Marine Corps’ Youth Drug Demand Reduction efforts and is open to youth ages eight through high school completion who are in good standing in their school; and

WHEREAS, the National Red Ribbon Campaign and East Valley Young Marine program offer citizens the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to drug-free lifestyles (no use of illegal drugs, no illegal use of legal drugs); and

WHEREAS, the East Valley Young Marines have earned the DOD’s Fulcrum Shield Award and the DEA’s Enrique Camarena Awards for their Drug Demand Reduction efforts in the Phoenix Metro Area; and

WHEREAS, the National Red Ribbon Campaign will be celebrated in every community in America during Red Ribbon Week, October 23-31; and

WHEREAS, business, government, parents, law enforcement, media, medical institutions, religious institutions, schools, senior citizens, service organizations and youth will demonstrate their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during this week-long campaign; and

WHEREAS, the City of Apache Junction further commits its resources to ensure the success of the Red Ribbon Campaign;

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, I, Jeff Serdy, by the virtue vested in me as Mayor of the of Apache Junction, do hereby proclaim October 23-31, as

“RED RIBBON WEEK”

and encourage its citizens to participate in drug prevention education activities, not only during Red Ribbon Week, but all year long, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug-free City of Apache Junction.

Signed and attested to this _____ day of _____, 2017.

JEFF SERDY
Mayor

ATTEST:

KATHLEEN CONNELLY
City Clerk