



Proclamation

*Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida*

WHEREAS, excessive alcohol consumption accounts for approximately 88,000 deaths per year in the United States and is the fourth leading cause of preventable death; underage drinking costs the citizens of Florida \$3.1 billion; and alcohol continues to be the drug of choice for Manatee County youth; and

WHEREAS, today's marijuana is 30 times stronger than the marijuana of the 1980s, and products that contain concentrated marijuana, like wax, hash oil, or dabs, can contain 40-90 percent THC and are known to cause brain damage; and

WHEREAS, 52,000 Americans died in 2015 as a result of drug overdoses, and preliminary data shows that 64,000 Americans died of drug overdoses in 2016; and

WHEREAS, solving today's complex health and social issues effectively is beyond the purview of any one agency or organization, and working collaboratively represents a key opportunity for communities to create significant improvements in health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the Red Ribbon Campaign was established by Congress in 1988 to honor the memory of Enrique "Kiki" Camerena, a Drug Enforcement Agency officer murdered by a marijuana drug cartel in the line of duty, and also as a call for action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that the week of October 23 – 31, 2017, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

RED RIBBON WEEK

in Manatee County, Florida.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 10th day of October 2017.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Betsy Benac, Chairman

ATTEST: *Angelina Colonnese
Clerk of the Circuit Court*
