



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Thomas M. Poynton

## PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 21-25, 2024 AS RED RIBBON WEEK

**WHEREAS**, drug and alcohol abuse in the United States prevents millions of people from reaching their full potential at school, on the job and in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, research indicated that young people who avoid the early use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs are less likely to engage in self-destructive behaviors such as crime, delinquency and other harmful activities ; and

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1988 in honor of undercover Drug Enforcement Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena who was kidnapped, tortured and murdered by members of a drug gang in Mexico on February 7, 1985, National Red Ribbon Week is designed to raise awareness of the dangers of drug use while encouraging all citizens to take an active role in their community drug prevention activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 observance of Red Ribbon Week proved residents of Lake Zurich the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Mayor Tom Poynton, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the residents of Lake Zurich, do hereby proclaim October 21-25, 2024 as Red Ribbon Week through the Village of Lake Zurich and encourage all citizens to work together in making our community a health and safe place to live.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2024.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of this Village to be affixed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Poynton".

Tom Poynton, Mayor of Lake Zurich

