

# PROCLAMATION RED RIBBON WEEK

**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 Marine 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 e "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**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sugar Hill, Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 23-31 as **RED RIBBON WEEK** in Sugar Hill, and urge all citizens to join in this special observance.

So Proclaimed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

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**Steve Edwards, Mayor**

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**Curtis Northrup, Mayor Pro Tem**

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**Marc Cohen, Council Member**

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**Susie Gajewski, Council Member**

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**Brandon Hembree, Council Member**

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**Mike Sullivan, Council Member**

August 14, 2017

Good Afternoon Mayor Steve Edwards,

I am Young Marine Gunnery Sergeant Micenna Brooks with the Etowah Valley Young Marines in Cartersville, GA. (There is a hyperlink imbedded in the Unit name at the bottom of the letter for more information on the Young Marine program.) I am a High School Sophomore in the Bartow County School system and a citizen of Acworth, GA.

I am writing to you to ask you to please consider issuing a proclamation on behalf of Sugar Hill, GA to acknowledge Sugar Hill's participation in Red Ribbon Week, during this event's 31<sup>st</sup> year. Please see the attached information and I hope you will help me meet the Young Marine's mission of "Closing the Gate on Drugs"

The Young Marines is a nation-wide youth program, we currently have 7 units in the state of Georgia. Last year only 2 units participated in helping to spread the message, which is why I am reaching out to you. This means a lot to me, and my goal is to eventually have every city and town in the state participating in Red Ribbon Week. Many schools already participate in this national campaign.

Last year our division, which covers not only the state of Georgia but also, Tennessee, South Carolina, Florida and Alabama was awarded the Fulcrum Shield Award from the DEA for our efforts in involving many cities around the state (and Division) with celebrating Red Ribbon Week and teaching others about the dangers of drugs. Due to our activity level, attempting to get the word out about Red Ribbon Week, I would like to request that you mail the Proclamation to:

PO Box 881, Acworth, GA 30101

Sincerely,  
YM/Gysgt Micenna Brooks,  
Etowah Valley Young Marines  
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