



Proclamation

Red Ribbon Drug Free Week 2024

TO THE CITIZENS OF BEL AIRE, KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, The City of Bel Aire values the health and safety of all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Local leaders know that the support of people is the most effective tool they have in efforts to reduce the problems associated with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs; and

WHEREAS, Substance abuse is particularly damaging to one of our most valuable resources, our children, and a contributing factor in the three leading causes of death for teenagers—accidents, homicides and suicides; and

WHEREAS, today, the Red Ribbon serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention efforts, particularly in combating modern challenges such as the fentanyl crisis; and

WHEREAS, It is the goal of the Kansas Red Ribbon Campaign and the City of Bel Aire to involve families schools, business, churches, law enforcement agencies and service organizations in all aspects of this campaign and establish an atmosphere that supports awareness, education and on-going initiatives to prevent illegal drug use; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Red Ribbon Campaign theme promotes family and individual responsibility for living healthy, drug-free lifestyles, without illegal drugs or illegal use of legal drugs; and,

WHEREAS, October is also National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month, and citizens are encouraged to “Lock Your Meds” and properly dispose of old or unused over-the-counter or prescription medication;

THEREFORE, I Jim Benage, Mayor, do hereby proclaim October 23—31, 2024 as "Red Ribbon Week" in the City of Bel Aire and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to participate in drug prevention education activities, wear and display red ribbons, and make a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug-free community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of Bel Aire, Kansas this 15th day of October, 2024.

Jim Benage, Mayor

