



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 Enrique "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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Matthew J. Santini, Mayor of the City of Cartersville, do hereby recognize October 23 - 31, 2023 as RED RIBBON WEEK and urge all my fellow citizens to join me in showing their support for a drug-free environment.

In V	Vitness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed
_	Mayor
Attest	City Clark