

Proclamation

Red Ribbon Week October 23-31, 2024

- WHEREAS,** *alcohol and drug abuse in this nation has reached epidemic stages; and*
- WHEREAS,** *visible, unified prevention education efforts by community members must be launched to reduce the demand for drugs; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the National Family Partnership, the Florida Department of Education, and other organizations nationwide are sponsoring the National Red Ribbon Campaign, offering citizens the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to drug-free lifestyles (no use of illegal drugs, no illegal use of legal drugs); and*
- WHEREAS,** *the National Red Ribbon Campaign will be celebrated in communities across the nation during Red Ribbon Week, October 23-31; and*
- WHEREAS,** *businesses, government, parents, law enforcement, media, medical institutions, religious institutions, schools, senior citizens, service organizations, and youth will demonstrate their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during this week-long campaign; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the City of Lake City encourages the community to support the National Red Ribbon Campaign.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Stephen Witt, Mayor of the City of Lake City, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 23 – 31, 2024, as Red Ribbon Week and encourage all citizens to participate in Drug Prevention Education Activities, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a Drug-Free Community.*



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 21st day of October 2024.

*Stephen M. Witt, Mayor
City of Lake City*

**Seal of the City of Lake City
State of Florida**