

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Resolution No. 09-17

RED RIBBON WEEK - OCTOBER 23-31, 2009

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Sacramento County Office of Education to educate employees, students and families and establish an atmosphere that supports awareness, education and ongoing initiatives to prevent illegal drug use; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento County Office of Education values the health and safety of all of its students and employees; and

WHEREAS, drug abuse stands as one of the major challenges our nation faces in securing a safe and healthy future for our children; 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, the objective of Red Ribbon Week, is to promote drug prevention, education, parental involvement, and community-wide support; and

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

WHEREAS, the National Family Partnership has declared “Drug Free is the Key” as the official theme for the 2009 Red Ribbon Week Campaign; and

WHEREAS, parents, youth, schools, businesses, law enforcement, religious institutions, service organizations, senior citizens, medical and military personnel, sports teams, and individuals throughout the nation will demonstrate their commitment to drug-free, healthy lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during this weeklong celebration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento County Board of Education hereby proclaims October 23-31, 2009 as Red Ribbon Week in Sacramento County, and urges all students, employees and families to protect our community from the dangers of alcohol and other drugs.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento County Board of Education this 6th day of October 2009.