

Mayor Christian Price

Whereas, cities across America have been plagued by the numerous problems associated with alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use; and

Whereas, there is hope in winning the War on Drugs, and the hope lies in the hard work and determination of our communities to create a drug free environment; and

Whereas, local leaders, in government and in the community, know that the support of the people in the neighborhoods is the most effective tool they can have in their efforts to reduce use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs by Arizonans; and

Whereas, success will not occur overnight, our patience and continued commitment to drug education and prevention are imperative; and

Whereas, the red ribbon was 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 has come to represent the belief that one person CAN make a difference; and

Whereas, the Red Ribbon Campaign was established by Congress in 1988 to promote this belief and encourage a drug-free lifestyle and involvement in drug prevention efforts; and

Whereas, October 23 - 31, 2017, has been designated National Red Ribbon Week calling on all Americans to show their support for a drug-free state by wearing a red ribbon and participating in drug-free activities during that week; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christian Price, Mayor of the City of Maricopa, do hereby proclaim October 23-31 as **RED RIBBON WEEK** in Maricopa and encourage all citizens, businesses, public and private agencies, media, religious and educational institutions to wear and display red ribbons and participate in drug-free activities throughout that week, joining the rest of the state in promoting the Red Ribbon Celebration and a drug-free America.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2017

Christian Price, Mayor