

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-19

**CELEBRATING OCTOBER 23-31, 2003 AS
NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK**

WHEREAS, alcohol and other drug abuse in this nation has reached epidemic stages and the 15-24 year-old age group is dying at a faster rate than any other age group; and

WHEREAS, alcohol and other drug problems kill over 2,500 Ohioans and costs over \$7 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that visible, unified prevention and education efforts by community members be launched to reduce the demand for drugs; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Parents for Drug Free Youth is urging all Ohioans to wear a Red Ribbon during this week and make a commitment to a healthy, drug-free lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, businesses, media, social services, governments, schools, service organizations, religious institutions, safety forces, and individuals will demonstrate their commitment to a healthy, drug free lifestyle by wearing and distributing Red Ribbons during this week-long celebration.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, seven members elected thereto concurring:

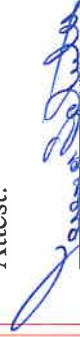
Section 1. That the Council of the City of Mason hereby designates and proclaims October 23-31, 2003 as Red Ribbon Week.

Section 2. That October 23-31, 2003 shall be set aside for public activities that serve others.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 27th day of October 2003.

Attest:



Teresa Schulte
Clerk of Council



Mayor