

SAMPLE RED RIBBON WEEK PROCLAMATION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Whereas, Alcohol and other drug abuse in the City of Cincinnati/Hamilton County has reached epidemic stages; and
- Whereas, It is imperative to collectively promote intolerance for the use of illegal drugs, as well as the illegal use of legal drugs, such as alcohol, tobacco and prescription medications, and to encourage children to make a commitment to a drug-free lifestyle; and
- Whereas, The Coalition for a Drug Free Greater Cincinnati and its community partners, in collaboration with the Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board and its contract agencies providing prevention services, is sponsoring *Red Ribbon Week* 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, *Red Ribbon Week* will be celebrated in every neighborhood in the City of Cincinnati/Hamilton County during National Red Ribbon Week, October 23-31; and
- Whereas, Business, government, parents, law enforcement, media, medical, 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 *Red Ribbon Week*; and
- Whereas, The Coalition for a Drug Free Greater Cincinnati, in collaboration with the Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, further commits its resources to ensure the success of the *Red Ribbon Week*;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the City of Cincinnati/Hamilton County does hereby proclaim October 23-31, 2009 as the *Red Ribbon Week* and encourages its citizens to participate in drug prevention activities, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug-free community.

Mayor/Commissioners _____
Attest _____
City/County Clerk _____

In the hope that you will lend your support through the above proclamation, we respectfully request that the documentation be forwarded to the Coalition for a Drug Free Greater Cincinnati (2330 Victory Pkwy, Suite 703, Cincinnati, OH 45206) for display at the central public celebration being held from **10:30 am to 1:30 pm** on **Wednesday, October 28th** at the **Schiff Conference Center** on the Xavier University campus.