

**RESOLUTION**

**Proclaiming the month of October 2009 as Red Ribbon Drug and Alcohol Awareness Month in Cuyahoga County.**

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**WHEREAS, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent by the name of Enrique Camarena, working undercover in an investigation on a Mexican drug cartel, was tortured to death while trying to make a difference. In honor of his memory and his battle against illegal drugs, friends and neighbors wore red badges of satin.**

**WHEREAS, parents, sick of the destruction of alcohol and drugs, began to form coalitions. Some of these new coalitions used Camarena as their model and embraced his belief that one person can make a difference. These coalitions adopted the symbol of Camarena's memory, the red ribbon.**

**WHEREAS, The National Family Partnership organized the first nationwide Red Ribbon Campaign in 1988. Since then, it has reached millions of U.S. children and has filtered into the workplace, where materials are offered regarding alcohol and other illicit drugs and made sources available for those in need.**

**WHEREAS, the Drug Free Workplace Act was amended in 1988 which requires that a drug free workplace be provided to all workers, making the work environment a safe place to perform work duties.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, hereby proclaims the month of October 2009 as Red Ribbon Drug and Alcohol awareness Month in Cuyahoga County.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Joseph A. Nanni, Director, Office of Human Resources.**

**On Motion of Commissioner Dimora, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.**

**Ayes: Dimora, Jones, Hagan.**

**Nays: None.**

**Resolution Adopted.**

**Jeanne M. Schmotzer,  
Clerk of the Board**

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