
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA



PROCLAMATION

In February 1985, United States Drug Enforcement Administration Agent Enrique Camarena was killed in the line of duty. In honor of his sacrifice, children in his hometown pledged to abstain from drugs and alcohol. They wore red badges and ribbons as a symbol of their promise, thus beginning Red Ribbon Week.

The millions of students who have since honored this pledge have lives unmarred by the damaging effects of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse. I applaud them for their commitment to obeying the law and living healthy lives.

Tremendous opportunities await our state's youth, but they will only be able to achieve their potential by abstaining from these dangerous substances. Early education and prevention programs can help our young people make the right choices and take a stand against addiction.

During Red Ribbon Week, I encourage all Californians to come together to educate our youth regarding the dangerous consequences of substance abuse. These efforts will help save lives and pave the way for our children's healthy and productive futures.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim October 23-31, 2006, as "Red Ribbon Week."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 19th day of October 2006.



Handwritten signature of Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Arnold Schwarzenegger
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Bruce McPherson.

Bruce McPherson
SECRETARY OF STATE