

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, the abuse of alcohol and drugs in this nation has reached epidemic stages; and*

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

*WHEREAS, the National Family Partnership is sponsoring the National Red Ribbon Campaign 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, the National Red Ribbon Campaign will be celebrated in every community in America during "Red Ribbon Week", October 23-31; and*

*WHEREAS, businesses, government, parents, law enforcement, media, medical institutions, 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 week-long campaign; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Belleville, Illinois supports the goals of the National Red Ribbon Campaign; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Patty Gregory, Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 23-31, 2021, as **RED RIBBON WEEK**, and encourage our citizens to participate in drug prevention education activities, not only during Red Ribbon Week, but all year long, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug-free community.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the corporate seal of the City of Belleville to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.*

*Pride in the Past . . . Promise for the Future*



*Patty Gregory*  
Patty Gregory, Mayor  
October 18, 2021