



**City Council of the
City of Marathon, Florida
Proclamation**

**Red Ribbon Week
October 23 – 31, 2021**

WHEREAS, communities across America have been plagued by the numerous problems associated with illicit drug use and those that traffic in them; and

WHEREAS, there is hope in winning the war on drugs, and that hope lies in education and drug demand reduction, coupled with the hard work and determination of organizations such as redribbon.org to foster a healthy, drug-free lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, governments and community leaders know that citizen support is one of the most effective tools in the effort to reduce the use of illicit drugs in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Red Ribbon Campaign was established by Congress in 1988 to encourage a drug-free lifestyle and involvement in drug prevention and reduction efforts; and

WHEREAS, October 23-31 has been designated National Red Ribbon Week, which encourages Americans to wear a red ribbon to show their support for a drug-free environment; and

WHEREAS, the Red Ribbon Week 2021 theme is “Drug Free Looks Like Me” This year's Red Ribbon Week theme is a reminder that everyday Americans across the country make significant daily contributions to their communities by being the best they can be because they live Drug-Free. It also serves as a reminder that we are all empowered with shaping the communities around us through positivity, bravery, and strength.

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Marathon City Council hereby recognizes October 23-31, 2021 as Red Ribbon Week in the City of Marathon and calls this observance to the attention of our citizens.

Mayor Luis Gonzalez

October 12, 2021

Date