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Legislation Text

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To recognize Red Ribbon Week and to celebrate a drug free Columbus.

WHEREAS, the National Family Partnership and a handful of concerned and determined parents established a national grassroots nonprofit organization to lead and support families and communities in nurturing the full potential of healthy, drug free youth; and

WHEREAS, underage drinking cost the citizens of Ohio \$2.9 billion, and 21.1% of the alcohol consumed is by underage drinkers; and

WHEREAS, 3 of 4 children in protective custody in Ohio were removed from their homes because of a substance-abusing parent; and

WHEREAS, in the past decade, babies born with drug addiction increased sixfold; and

WHEREAS, alcohol and other drugs were involved in 78% of violent crimes, 83% of property crimes and 77% of public order or weapons offenses and probation/parole violations; and

WHEREAS, public awareness is the key to effectively preventing drug abuse and gambling addiction and to educating Ohio's youth about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, drug abuse and gambling; and

WHEREAS, substance use prevention programs can improve the behavioral health of communities as well as save \$4 to \$5 for every dollar invested in drug abuse treatment and counseling; and

WHEREAS, this year's Red Ribbon Celebration theme "Love Yourself - Don't Do Drugs" highlights the year round message of being alcohol, tobacco and other drug-free; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Gateway Substance Abuse Solutions Committee comprised of South Side residents has declared October 25th and 26th to be "Stand Up Against Addictions Weekend" and has organized a series of events to help combat addictions; and

WHEREAS, business, media, social services, governments, schools, service organizations, faith based entities, safety forces and individuals will demonstrate their commitment to drug-free lifestyle by wearing and displaying Red Ribbons and posters during this week long celebration and participating in the South Side events; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby declare October 23rd through October 31st as Red Ribbon Celebration Week and October 24th and 25th to be the South Side Stand Up Against Addictions Weekend.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this Council urges all Ohioans to wear a Red Ribbon, participate in activities sponsored by your schools and

communities, and make a commitment to a healthy drug free lifestyle.