

City of Simpsonville

Proclamation

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 the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League to foster a healthy, drug-free lifestyle, and to inspire youth through this year's Red Ribbon Week theme, "*Life Is A Puzzle, Solve It Drug Free*"; 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 has been chosen as a symbol commemorating the work of Enrique "Kiki"; Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent who was murdered in the line of duty, and represents the belief that one person can make a difference; 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;

NOW THEREFORE, I Paul Shewmaker, Mayor of the City of Simpsonville do hereby proclaim the week of October 23rd through the 31st as

RED RIBBON WEEK

in the City of Simpsonville and urge all citizens to join in this special observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF,
I have set my hand and caused the seal of
the City of Simpsonville to be affixed
this 23rd day of October in the year of our Lord 2025.

Paul D. Shewmaker
Paul Shewmaker, Mayor