WHEREAS, Alcohol and other drug abuse 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**, Business, government, parents, law enforcement, media, medical, 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 County of DeSoto, further commits its resources to ensure the success of the Red Ribbon Campaign®;

**NOW THERFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED,** that the Board of County Commissioners, DeSoto County, Florida hereby proclaim October 23-31, 2025, as;

## "RED RIBBON WEEK"

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 28th day of October, 2025.

ATTEST:	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
Mandy Hines	JC Deriso
County Administrator	Chairman