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RED RIBBON WEEK 2020

SEAL BEACH, CA — The Seal Beach Police Department invites the community to take a visible stand against drugs by celebrating Red Ribbon Week. This year's celebration will kick off on Friday, October 23, 2020 and conclude on Friday, October 30, 2020.

Red Ribbon Week raises awareness of drug use and the problems related to drugs facing our community, and encourages parents, educators, business owners, and other community organizations to promote drug-free lifestyles.

"Red Ribbon Week encourages our entire community to adopt healthy, drug-free lifestyles," said Seal Beach Chief of Police Philip L. Gonshak. "The campaign brings together parents, schools, and businesses as we look for ways to keep kids and communities drug free. Red Ribbon Week gives us the opportunity to be vocal and visible in our efforts to achieve a drug-free community."

In 1985, Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent Enrique S. "Kiki" Camarena was killed by drug traffickers. Shortly after his death, citizens from his hometown of Calexico, California, began wearing red ribbons to remember him and commemorate his sacrifice.

The first official Red Ribbon Week celebration was created by the National Family Partnership in 1988. NFP continues to coordinate the campaign for families, schools and communities across the nation each year. Since then, the red ribbon has symbolized a continuing commitment to reducing the demand for illicit drugs in our communities.

Research shows that children are less likely to use alcohol and other drugs when parents and other role models are clear and consistent in their opposition to drug use and the misuse of prescription drugs.

Visit www.GetSmartAboutDrugs.com for more information about Red Ribbon Week or contact Police Officer Victor Ruiz at (562) 799-4100 ext. 1629 or vrui@sealbeachca.gov.

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