

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS*, the health and safety of all citizens of the Mat-Su Borough are of utmost importance to our future prosperity and well-being; and

*WHEREAS*, substance abuse is detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens and especially harmful to the youth of our community; and

*WHEREAS*, The National Family Partnership is sponsoring the National Red Ribbon Week from October 23 to October 31, 2023, offering citizens the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to drug-free lifestyles; and

*WHEREAS*, this year's theme "Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug Free" appropriately underscores the need for fostering an environment of care, respect, and support, focusing on making positive choices to live a drug-free life; and

*WHEREAS*, the Mat-Su Borough joins the National Family Partnership and supports the annual National Red Ribbon Week, celebrating the promotion of drug-free, healthy lifestyles; and


*WHEREAS*, businesses, government, parents, law enforcement, media, medical institutions, religious organizations, schools, and others are encouraged to demonstrate their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during this week-long campaign;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Edna DeVries, Mayor of the Mat-Su Borough, do hereby proclaim October 23 through October 31, 2023, as

**"Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug Free"  
NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK**

in the Borough, and I urge all citizens to join in this special observance making a visible statement that we are committed to a drug-free borough.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Mat-Su Borough to be affixed this 3 day of October 2023.

  
EDNA DEVRIES, *Borough Mayor*

ATTEST:

  
LONNIE R. MCKECHNIE, CMC, *Borough Clerk*





BE KIND TO YOUR mind!



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