



## Red Ribbon Week RESOLUTION 2016-40

**WHEREAS**, alcohol and other drug abuse has reached epidemic proportions and is of major concern to all Americans, with the American people indicating that alcohol and other drug abuse is among the most serious domestic problems facing the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, alcohol and other drug abuse is a major public health threat and is one of the largest causes of preventable diseases, disability and death in the United States, costing American society many billions of dollars a year in lost productivity; and

**WHEREAS**, although such substance abuse does not discriminate on the basis of age, gender or socioeconomic status, the problem is not insurmountable as demonstrated through the efforts of the office of Behavioral Health Division of Drug & Alcohol to combat and prevent illegal use of alcohol and other drugs; and

**WHEREAS**, such efforts include participation in the National Red Ribbon campaign, a comprehensive public education and community based prevention event, involving parent groups, numerous organizations, township and borough municipalities, schools, churches, government, business and persons from all walks of life in demonstrating their commitment to drug free, healthy lifestyle by wearing and displaying red ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to such a lifestyles; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to convey the message that any use of an illegal drug is unacceptable, that there is no safe use of such drugs and that illegal drug use will not be tolerated since such abuse undermines our economy, threatens our national security, adversely affects productivity and ruins and destroys lives.


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Newtown Township Board of Supervisors hereby declare October 23 through October 31, 2016 to be:

### **RED RIBBON WEEK: WORKING TOWARD A DRUG FREE COMMUNITY**

We commend the hard work and dedication of all those concerned individuals and groups for their efforts to eliminate alcohol and other drug abuse and to promote a drug free society.

**ADOPTED this 10th day of October, 2016.**

Newtown Township Board of Supervisors

  
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John A. Nawn, P.E.  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Stephen M. Nease  
Secretary/Township Manager