WHEREAS, the Elk Grove Unified School District will demonstrate its support for Red Ribbon Week activities October 23 through October 31; and

WHEREAS, the Elk Grove District will support Red Ribbon Week activities as part of a comprehensive research-based prevention program; and

WHEREAS, the Elk Grove District has recognized the seriousness of the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs by school-age children; and

WHEREAS, the effects of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse are devastating to young people's lives and their future, to their families, to society, and to the educational environment; and

WHEREAS, schools are an appropriate place to educate youth about the harmful effects of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse and to assist them in learning positive ways to make healthy choices in their lives; and

WHEREAS, schools should provide a safe harbor for students so that our youth can be safe and learn effectively;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Education will continue to make alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse prevention a high priority and will support a comprehensive research-based plan of action it has already adopted to assist students who are suffering from the effects of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse and to make school campuses a safe harbor from drugs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Elk Grove Unified School Board will support Red Ribbon Week activities October 23 through October 31, 2013, as part of a comprehensive prevention, intervention, and positive youth development program.