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Richard Prater moved the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION # 13-21 RESOLUTION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE RED RIBBON CELEBRATION

WHEREAS, alcohol and other drug abuse in this nation has reached epidemic stages, and the 15-24 year old age group is dying at a faster rate than any other age group; AND

WHEREAS, alcohol and other drug problems kill 4,200 Ohioans and costs Ohio over \$7.2 billion a year in lost work, health problems, treatment, and criminal justice costs; AND

WHEREAS, it is imperative that visible, unified prevention and education efforts by community members be launched to reduce the demand for drugs; AND

WHEREAS, Ohio Parents for Drug Free Youth is urging all Ohioans to wear a Red Ribbon, sign an Ohio Sign Up Sheet and make a commitment to a health drug free lifestyle; AND

WHEREAS, businesses, social services, governments, school service organizations, religious institutions, safety forces, and individuals will demonstrate their commitment to a health drug free lifestyle by earning and displaying Red Ribbons during this month long celebration; AND

WHEREAS, the Pioneer Career and Technology Center in the County of Richland further commits its resources to ensure the success of the Red Ribbon Celebration; NOW

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that Pioneer Career and Technology Center in the County of Richland does hereby declare the week of October 25-29, 2021 drug awareness week. We encourage all students, parents, Board members, faculty and staff to participate in alcohol and other drug education and prevention activities, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug free community; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Pioneer Career and Technology Center encourages all individuals to become a *Partner for a Drug Free Ohio* by signing up for a drug free lifestyle of "no use of illegal drugs and no illegal use of legal drugs".

Robyn Almanson seconded the motion

VOTE: Yeas; R. Prater, Almanson, Dixon, Grady, Hope, Long, Smith, D. Theaker and M. Theaker. **Nays;** none. Motion carried.

Signed this 20th day of September, 2021

Pioneer Superintendent

Pioneer Board of Education President

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