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2015 National Young Marine Unit of the Year

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Dear Mr. Ives,

As you may have noticed by our letterhead, the Natchaug River Young Marines were awarded National Young Marine Unit of the Year and the Director's Cup for 2015. It was a huge accomplishment for our unit to be recognized as the top Young Marine Unit, as there are over 400 other units across the country. Our Young Marines have placed a goal on themselves, to win this prestigious award two years in a row. This year for Red Ribbon week, we are reaching out to those towns that may not have elected to participate.

Red Ribbon Week will take place October 23rd thru October 31st. The Natchaug River Young Marines located in Dayville which also includes Young Marines from your town, will be actively participating in this nationally recognized illicit drug awareness event. You can assist us in publicizing and promoting the week by issuing a town wide proclamation that boldly declares your towns support and commitment in the fight against illegal drugs and those that promote their use.

The mission of the Young Marine program is to develop good citizenship and promote a healthy, drug free lifestyle in our youth. Drug awareness and education are vital and key elements in the Young Marine's fight against illicit drug use and trafficking in our communities. To win this war on drugs, we must reduce the demand for illicit drugs and one of the best ways to accomplish this mission is through education and awareness. Red Ribbon Week is an excellent opportunity to promote illicit awareness and hope that you will join us in this campaign. Young Marines will actively and aggressively participate in the Red Ribbon Week campaign. Having the Board of Selectmen's support in this Young Marine project will greatly assist us in getting our anti-drug message out.

*National Young Marine Unit of the Year 2015
Division Young Marine Unit of the Year 2015, 2011
Regimental Young Marine Unit of the Year 2011
Battalion Young Marine Unit of the Year 2014, 2013, 2011, 2010*

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
RED RIBBON WEEK**

WHEREAS, Red Ribbon Week is a campaign to show support for ridding communities of illicit drug use and use those that traffic and profit from illicit drugs; and

WHEREAS, Red Ribbon Week will take place October 23rd through October 31st; and

WHEREAS, the Natchaug River Young Marines located in Dayville along with the Young Marines from many surrounding Towns, will actively participate in this nationally recognized illicit drug awareness event; and

WHEREAS, the Young Marine Program promotes good citizenship and a healthy lifestyle is through education and awareness and the best way to educate is to lead by example; and

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF BROOKLYN that the Natchaug River young Marines should be recognized as an outstanding opportunity for our local youth and for their continuing efforts to educate and promote a healthy drug-free lifestyle; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Young Marine program should receive the support of the Board of Selectmen and the residents of our Town for their positive impact on our youth and our community by wearing a red ribbon during Red Ribbon Week.

Richard Ives
First Selectman

Dated this 27th day of August, 2015