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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EASTERN PRESIDENT DECLARES MARCH 1-7 AS DRUG AWARENESS WEEK

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University President Stan Rives today officially proclaimed March 1-7, as "Drug Awareness Week" at Eastern. Student-run activities, supported by faculty and administration, will coincide with National Collegiate Drug Awareness Week (NCDAW). Students here and nationwide are promoting drug education, development of student decision-making skills and positive peer influence.

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DRUG AWARENESS WEEK

"Drug Awareness Week at Eastern Illinois University initiates a year-round emphasis on drug and alcohol education and recognition of the individual's ultimate responsibility for decisions regarding use or non-use of drugs and alcohol," said President Rives. "It is in the best interest of students, faculty, administrators and the community that such decision-making be responsible and well-informed. In addition, we want to encourage a partnership to prevent campus problems associated with drug and alcohol misuse, and to promote a drug-free campus."

Drug Awareness Week will include various workshops, displays and activities across the Eastern campus aimed at prevention through education and individual responsibility in connection with the use of drugs and alcohol.