

**HENDERSON COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
A PROCLAMATION BY THE
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AND CITY COUNCILS**

WHEREAS, construction of the Henderson County Historic Courthouse was completed in 1905 and the year 2005 marks the 100th anniversary of this important building; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Courthouse has been the landmark and focal point for our County and a source of great pride for the residents of Henderson County for the past 100 years; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Courthouse served our community throughout the years as the seat of county government, our house of justice, and a public meeting place until its closing in 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners and the Henderson County Historic Courthouse Corporation have developed plans to begin a major rehabilitation project of the facility, which is set to begin in 2005; and

WHEREAS, this renovation effort will allow the citizens of Henderson County and our visitors to again utilize the Historic Courthouse for governmental business and to honor the history of our community; and

WHEREAS, there will be a celebration with the theme "Evidence of Yesterday" which was taken from a speech championing the renovation of the Historic Courthouse delivered by the late Francis M. (Frank) Coiner, a local attorney, and

WHEREAS, this celebration will honor the Historic Courthouse throughout the year by recognizing the events associated with its opening in 1905.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, City Councils of Hendersonville, Laurel Park, Flat Rock, Fletcher and Mills River do hereby jointly proclaim 2005 as the YEAR OF THE HENDERSON COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE and encourage all citizens to recognize its historical significance as our "Evidence of Yesterday".