

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

**HENDERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** April 7, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Henderson County Historic Courthouse - Proclamation

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes  
1.) Proclamation

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The attached joint Proclamation by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners and City Councils of Hendersonville, Laurel Park, Flat Rock, Fletcher, and Mills River is presented proclaiming the Henderson County Courthouse rededicated as the county seat of Henderson County and the repository of the record of the historical heritage of the County.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to adopt the attached Proclamation as presented.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

*I move that the Board adopt the attached Proclamation jointly proclaiming the Henderson County Courthouse rededicated as the county seat of Henderson County and the repository of the record of the historical heritage of the County.*

**Henderson County Historic Courthouse  
A Proclamation by the Henderson County  
Board of Commissioners  
and City Councils**

WHEREAS, the division of the British Colony of North Carolina into counties dates from the earliest days of colonial America as the fundamental unit of local government serving all the people of the Old North State; and

WHEREAS, Independence as a sovereign Nation brought statehood for North Carolina, the Land of the Long Leaf Pine; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina deemed in its wisdom to officially designate counties as political subdivisions of the State of North Carolina and as government at the grassroots level to serve the collective good, promote commerce and achieve the goals of the State; and

WHEREAS, Henderson County was chartered December 15, 1838 by the North Carolina General Assembly to serve in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, construction of a Henderson County Courthouse was begun in 1842 with a temporary courthouse, public stocks were erected in 1843, a brick courthouse and stone jail were constructed in 1846 and the Historic Courthouse was completed in its present location in 1905, with a jail added in 1926; and

WHEREAS, the Henderson County Courthouse has been the landmark and focal point for our County and for a century the Historic Courthouse was a source of great pride for the residents of Henderson County; 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, after much consideration and public debate has undertaken the major renovation of the facility; and

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

WHEREAS, there will be a Rededication Celebration April 11, 12 and 13, 2008, to honor this accomplishment and proclaim the grand reopening of the Historic Courthouse;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, City Councils of Hendersonville, Laurel Park, Flat Rock, Fletcher, and Mills River do hereby jointly proclaim the Henderson County Historic Courthouse this day rededicated as the county seat of Henderson County and the repository of the record of the historical heritage of the county.

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William L. Moyer, Chairman  
Henderson County Board of Commissioners

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Greg Newman, Mayor  
City of Hendersonville

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Henry Johnson, Mayor  
Town of Laurel Park

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William Moore, Mayor  
Town of Fletcher

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Robert V. Staton, Mayor  
Village of Flat Rock

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Roger Snyder, Mayor  
Town of Mills River