

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION  
HENDERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** September 16, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Resolution - 2009 Henderson County Big Sweep Day

**ATTACHMENTS:** YES

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The 2009 **BIG SWEEP DAY**, lake, stream and landscape cleanup, organized by the Environmental and Conservation Organization (ECO), will be taking place Saturday, September 26, 2009. Henderson County encourages citizens in Henderson County to take an active role in making our community cleaner through participating in local big sweep activities.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

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

**Suggested Motion:**

*I move that the Board adopts the attached Resolution designating September 26, 2009 as **BIG SWEEP** time in Henderson County.*

HENDERSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Resolution**

**Declaring September 26, 2009 as Henderson County Big Sweep 2009 Day**

- Whereas,** Henderson County is rich in natural resources and beauty; and
- Whereas,** water is a basic and essential need for all life; and
- Whereas,** trash fouls our waterways as well as our landscapes; and
- Whereas,** every citizen should contribute to keeping our environment clean and healthy by working together to preserve clean water and the natural beauty of our surroundings; and
- Whereas,** North Carolina Big Sweep is a statewide and global community effort to retrieve trash from North Carolina's waterways and landscapes;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Henderson County, North Carolina Board of Commissioners, meeting on September 16, 2009, does hereby declare September 26, 2009 as HENDERSON COUNTY BIG SWEEP 2009 DAY in Henderson County, and does further hereby urge every citizen to do his or her part to restore the beauty and function of our lakes, streams and landscapes by volunteering to participate in the Big Sweep event.

Adopted this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_  
William L. Moyer, Chairman

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk to the Board

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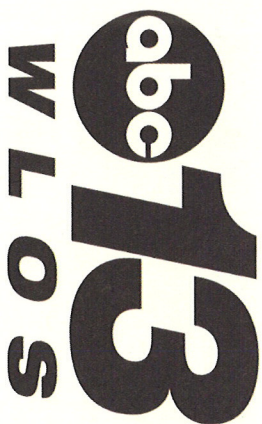
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**NC Big Sweep**

**WHAT WE ARE ABOUT**

North Carolina Big Sweep, an award-winning 501(c)(3) nonprofit for a litter-free environment, was founded as Beach Sweep in 1987. Two years later, it expanded inland and was renamed Big Sweep, the nation's first statewide waterway cleanup. In 2002, it expanded its mission from litter-free waters to a litter-free environment.

Big Sweep educational programs such as "Splish Splash," "Ripples" and "Don't Leave Your Butt on the Beach" have received national recognition, and other states have replicated Big Sweep programs.

Big Sweep implemented the first statewide six-pack ring recycling program in the nation, and there are 92 inland and coastal marinas participating in the Big Sweep fishing line recycling program.

**Volunteers are needed  
for the Big Sweep cleanups.**



*Can you find the 10 most often retrieved items during the Big Sweep cleanups in this picture? Look inside to find out what the 10 items are!*

**GET INVOLVED!**



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

You have the power to make a **BIG** difference in our environment when you participate in the Big Sweep cleanups.

The statewide fall Big Sweep is the first Saturday in October, but some counties will be conducting cleanups on other dates. Visit our Web site [www.ncbigssweep.org](http://www.ncbigssweep.org) or call 1-800-27-sweep to find out how to get involved.



## OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

- ✪ Please remember to dispose of your trash properly! Ten types of litter accounted for over 85 percent of the litter found during the cleanups. They were: cigarettes, food wrappers and containers, plastic beverage bottles, bags, beverage cans, glass beverage bottles, caps and lids, plates and eating utensils, straws and stirrers, and building materials.
- ✪ Become a member—join our year-round effort to protect our environment. Visit our Web site at [www.ncbigssweep.org](http://www.ncbigssweep.org).
- ✪ Help keep storm drains clean, as they lead to our waterways.
- ✪ Reduce trash by buying smart. Buy products in larger quantities and with less packaging.
- ✪ Always secure your load, whether you are in a car, truck or boat.
- ✪ Report people who litter to local law enforcement.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- ✪ **Litter hurts our economy.**
- ✪ Businesses don't want to locate in trashy areas.
- ✪ Tourists don't want to linger in trashy areas, they won't spend money, and they won't return with their friends.

### Litter is a human health problem.

- ✪ Litter attracts disease-carrying mosquitoes and rodents.
- ✪ As litter decomposes, it leaches chemicals into our groundwater.
- ✪ People have been injured by accidentally stepping on litter.

### Litter is deadly to wildlife.

- ✪ When wildlife mistake it for food, litter can suffocate them. It can also clog their digestive tracts, causing them to slowly starve to death.
- ✪ Wildlife can become entangled in litter. Once entangled, they are rarely able to free themselves, and they often attract other wildlife to the same hazard.

## DON'T FORGET THESE CLEANUP SAFETY TIPS

- ✪ Don't go barefoot! Wear closed-toed shoes that you won't mind getting wet or dirty.
- ✪ Take a hat or visor, insect repellent and sunscreen.
- ✪ Wear work or rubber gloves.
- ✪ Take a snack and something to drink.
- ✪ Be sure children are supervised by an adult.
- ✪ Watch out for poison ivy, poison oak and snakes.
- ✪ Avoid injured or strange-acting animals, as they may bite or be infected. Alert your Site Coordinator.
- ✪ Don't touch medical waste, chemical containers or barrels, pesticides or other dangerous items. Note their locations and tell your Site Coordinator to contact the proper authorities.
- ✪ Wear a life jacket if you're cleaning by boat.
- ✪ Don't wade into the water unless you wear a life jacket and know the depth of the water.

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**VANESSA PHUONG**  
(artwork on the left)

**ERAJAH ANDREWS**  
(artwork on the right)



MOST WANTED

Artwork by the Artist of the Year





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September 5, 2009

Mr. William L. Moyer, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners of Henderson County  
100 North King Street  
Hendersonville, NC 28792-5097

Dear Mr. Moyer,

I'm a member of ECO, the Environmental and Conservation Organization, based in Hendersonville, and a member of ECO's Water Quality Committee and a volunteer with Project Big Sweep. As we have every year, ECO is again sponsoring Big Sweep, a day when volunteer teams will work to clean litter and other debris from area rivers and streams. These teams represent a true cross-section of the community including school children, company employees, faith-based groups and other citizens.

I'm requesting that you present the enclosed resolution to the Board of Commissioners of Henderson County declaring Saturday, September 26, 2009 as Henderson County Big Sweep 2009 Day. If you would like, I can send you the Resolution electronically; please email me at [janallen@mac.com](mailto:janallen@mac.com).

For more information about Big Sweep, I refer you to the North Carolina Big Sweep website at [www.ncbigssweep.org](http://www.ncbigssweep.org). (Please note that the date for Big Sweep in regions of Henderson County, September 26, is different from the general state day of October 3.) I have also enclosed a brochure describing NC Big Sweep. You may wish to contact Dr. Bill Garrison at [wtgarrison1@mchsi.com](mailto:wtgarrison1@mchsi.com) for more information specific to Big Sweep locally.

Thank you very much for your support of Big Sweep in Henderson County.

In appreciation,



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