

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: April 5, 2010

SUBJECT: Proclamation – Sexual Violence Awareness Month

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1.) Proclamation

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Healing Place has requested the Henderson County Board of Commissioners adopt a Proclamation, proclaiming the month of April as Sexual Violence Awareness Month. Additionally, The Healing Place is planning a "Raising Awareness" ceremony on Thursday, April 8th at 3:00 at the Historic Courthouse courtyard.

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, proclaiming the month of April as Sexual Violence Awareness Month.

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Proclamation Sexual Violence Awareness Month

- WHEREAS**, sexual violence continues to be a major social crisis in our society; and
- WHEREAS**, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men will be the victim of sexual assault in their lifetime; and
- WHEREAS**, 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 7 boys will be a victim of sexual violence by their 18th birthday; and
- WHEREAS**, sexual violence is a crime and its victims have the right to fairness, dignity and respect; and
- WHEREAS**, The Healing Place provided crisis intervention and counseling to 843 Henderson County victims last year; and
- WHEREAS**, there are 113 sex offenders and sexual predators registered as living within the population of Henderson County; and
- WHEREAS**, effective sexual violence prevention programs succeed when all citizens become aware and supportive, and when partnerships are created among schools, faith communities, civic organizations, local government, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and
- WHEREAS**, we hold forth a vision of a community free from sexual violence;
- NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that we, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim the month of April as **Sexual Violence Awareness Month**, and encourages all citizens to support local efforts to provide services to victims of these heinous crimes.

Adopted this the 5th day of April, 2010.

WILLIAM L. MOYER, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD