

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: March 7, 2011
SUBJECT: Proclamation – Sexual Violence Awareness Month
PRESENTER: Angie Alley
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.

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 Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member of Henderson County; and

WHEREAS, one in four girls and one in seven boys will be a victim of child sexual abuse by their 18th birthday; and

WHEREAS, one in three women and one in six men will be the victim of sexual assault in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, The Healing Place provided crisis intervention and counseling to 900 child and adult Henderson County victims last year; and

WHEREAS, with leadership, dedication and encouragement there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in Henderson County through prevention education, increased awareness and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

WHEREAS, we strongly support the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address 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.**

Adopted this the 7th day of March, 2011.

J. MICHAEL EDNEY, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD