

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: March 21, 2012

SUBJECT: Proclamation – Sexual Assault 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 Assault Awareness Month.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

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

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board adopt the attached Proclamation, proclaiming the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Sexual Assault 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,** rape and sexual assault impact 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men
- WHEREAS,** child sexual abuse will impact 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 7 boys by their 18th birthday; and
- WHEREAS,** sexual violence has changed with the use of cell phones, the world-wide web, and social media; and
- WHEREAS,** sexual violence is a crime and its victims have the right to fairness, dignity and respect; and
- WHEREAS,** The Healing Place continues to see increases in the number of men, women, and children seeking services following sexual violence; and
- WHEREAS,** there is compelling evidence that now is the time to talk about sexual violence including conversations about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors and how to hold perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and
- WHEREAS,** effective sexual violence prevention programs succeed 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 the Henderson County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of April as **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**, and encourages all citizens to support local efforts to provide services to victims.

Adopted this 21st day of March, 2012.

THOMAS THOMPSON, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD