

## **REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

### **HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** March 20, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Resolution - Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team – Exhibition Benefit Games

**PRESENTER:** Steve Wyatt

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes

1. Resolution
2. Press Release

#### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team (WWAST) mission is to raise awareness, through exhibition and celebrity softball games, of the sacrifices and resilience of our military, and highlight their ability to rise above any challenge. Their goal is to show other amputees and the general population, that these athletes through extensive rehabilitation and training are able to express their desires and perform the sport they loved.

For the first time in our region, the team will be playing exhibition benefit games on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at McCormick Field, and on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at West Henderson High School. Game 1 will feature WWAST vs. Henderson County Senior "Softball League", and Game 2 will match WWAST vs. Henderson County First Responders.

#### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to review the attached Resolution, and to adopt it as presented.

#### **SUGGESTED MOTION:**

*I move that the Board adopt the attached Resolution in support of the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team.*

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## RESOLUTION

### IN SUPPORT OF THE WOUNDED WARRIOR AMPUTEE SOFTBALL TEAM

- WHEREAS,** The national Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team (WWAST), represents some of our nation's bravest and most determined heroes, soldiers and veterans; and,
- WHEREAS,** These young extremely athletic men have sustained severe injuries resulting in amputation while serving in the military/war, and through extensive rehabilitation, they have become competitive athletes again; and,
- WHEREAS,** The Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team (WWAST) mission is to raise awareness, through exhibition and celebrity softball games, of the sacrifices and resilience of our military, and highlight their ability to rise above any challenge; and,
- WHEREAS,** Their goal is to show other amputees and the general population, that these athletes through extensive rehabilitation and training are able to express their desires and perform the sport they loved; and,
- WHEREAS,** The WWAST Exhibition is an event to benefit Operation Welcome Home, An HonorAir program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare their support for the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team, and encourages citizens to enjoy the exhibition benefit games on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at West Henderson High School, featuring WWAST vs. Henderson County Senior "Softball League", and WWAST vs. Henderson County First Responders.

Adopted this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

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CHARLIE MESSER, CHAIRMAN  
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

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TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team  
Exhibition Benefit Games Set for May 17-18, 2013**  
*Inspiration and Celebration Benefitting Veteran's Programs  
in Western North Carolina – An HonorAir Event*

**(ASHEVILLE, NC) January 23, 2013** – For the first time in our region, the nationally known Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team (WWAST) will be playing exhibition benefit games on Friday, May 17 at 7 p.m. at McCormick Field and on Saturday, May 18 at 2 p.m. at West Henderson High School. Coinciding with Armed Forces Weekend, the event will be an inspiring celebration of our nation's veterans all benefiting Operation Welcome Home, a program established by HonorAir. Operation Welcome Home, a Veteran's Scholarship Fund, provides job opportunities for former military personnel at ABCCM's Veteran's Restoration Quarters and Transitional housing facility in Swannanoa.

The national WWAST, or "America's Favorite Team," represents some of our nation's bravest and most determined heroes, soldiers and veterans. These young, extremely athletic men have sustained severe injuries resulting in amputation while serving in the military and through extensive rehabilitation have become competitive athletes again. Each of these amazing athletes has an inspiring story of perseverance and they hope to raise awareness through exhibition and celebrity softball games of the sacrifices and resilience of our military. To find out more information about WWAST please visit <http://www.woundedwarrioramputeesoftballteam.org>

The teams competing will be some of Western North Carolina's own local heroes. First responder teams from Asheville and Buncombe County will play at McCormick Field, along with a special kick-off exhibition game featuring local personalities on Friday May 17. Henderson County First responder units as well as the Senior Softball League, a perennial state winner in state competitions, will round out the Saturday exhibition and competitive games on May 18.

For more information including ticket information, donations or corporate sponsorship, please visit <http://www.wwastwnc.com>.

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*The WWAST Exhibition is an event to benefit Operation Welcome Home, An HonorAir program. Nearly 20% of the homeless populations in America are displaced veterans. Operation Welcome Home, a veteran's scholarship fund, provides support and job training opportunities for former military personnel. To learn more about Operation Welcome Home click here - <http://www.honorair.com/operation-welcome-home> or for more information about ABCCM click here - <http://www.abccm.org/ministries/veterans>*