

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: April 1, 2013

SUBJECT: Proclamation – Declaring Friday, April 19, 2013 as “Strive Not to Drive Day” in Henderson County

PRESENTERS: George Tregay- ECO /Andrew Legg – Student Volunteer

ATTACHMENTS: Yes: Proclamation

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

ECO, the Environmental and Conservation Organization, will be hosting its third Strive Not To Drive Event on April 19th, 2013. Many people travel from place to place in one car by themselves. This is not the most efficient way to travel and with depleting fuel sources causing gas prices to rise, now is the time to learn about more sustainable forms of transportation. This event is going to focus on alternative forms of transportation that include the Apple Valley Transit, walking, and carpooling.

Last year over 300 residents found another way to get around on foot, through carpooling or just staying home. Six major employers played a key role in encouraging their employees to commute without solo driving including Pardee Hospital, Park Ridge Hospital, Henderson County, City of Hendersonville, Henderson County Schools, and Blue Ridge Community College. This year Park Ridge Hospital, Henderson County Schools, and the Hendersonville Community Co-Op have already committed to participate.

Strive Not To Drive is a chance for people around the area to learn about alternative modes of transportation and to save money on gas and travel.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Request Board approval of Proclamation declaring Friday, April 19, 2013 as “Strive Not To Drive Day” in Henderson County.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board adopt a Proclamation declaring Friday, April 19, 2013 as “Strive Not To Drive Day” in Henderson County.

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING FRIDAY APRIL 19, 2013 AS STRIVE NOT TO DRIVE DAY

WHEREAS, Henderson County is an exceptional place to live and work; and

WHEREAS, reducing transportation fuel consumption can better sustain the quality of life for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, reducing fuel consumption reduces the amount of money exported out of the region; and

WHEREAS, reducing fuel consumption reduces expenses for Henderson County residents; and

WHEREAS, alternatives to vehicle use can promote a healthier and more enjoyable lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental and Conservation Organization is promoting these practices for the benefit of Henderson County residents together with local businesses, Blue Ridge Community College and the City of Hendersonville;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2013 as “**Strive Not to Drive**” in Henderson County, and do further hereby urge every citizen to do his or her part to reduce their transportation fuel consumption by consolidating trips, carpooling, walking, biking, or telecommuting on April 19 and throughout the year.

Adopted this 1st day of April, 2013.

CHARLIE MESSER, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD