

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: November 20, 2013

SUBJECT: Resolution – Adoption Month

PRESENTER: Eric Bush

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1. Resolution

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Department of Social Services has requested the Board of Commissioners adopt a Resolution, designating November as Adoption Month in Henderson County. In addition, Henderson County adoption program information and success stories will be presented.

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, designating November as Adoption Month in Henderson County.

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RESOLUTION DESIGNATING NOVEMBER AS ADOPTION MONTH

- WHEREAS,** every child deserves to learn and grow under the care of a loving family; and,
- WHEREAS,** more than 104,000 children in the United States foster care system and approximately 2,263 children in North Carolina are waiting to be adopted into permanent families; and,
- WHEREAS,** Twenty-nine (29) children in Henderson County are waiting for their forever family; and,
- WHEREAS,** Fifteen (15) Henderson County children were adopted into forever families in FY 12-13 and fifteen (15) children have been adopted since July 1, 2013; and,
- WHEREAS,** Henderson County recognizes the importance of giving children permanent, safe and loving families through adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, at their meeting on November 20, 2013, does hereby designate November 2013 as Adoption Month and calls upon citizens, community agencies, faith groups, elected leaders and businesses to observe this month by honoring the professionals who work to make children's dreams of a permanent home a reality, answering the call of finding safe and permanent families for needy children and supporting the families who have opened their hearts and homes to a child in need.

Adopted this the 20TH day of November, 2013.

CHARLIE MESSER, CHAIRMAN
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ATTEST:

TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD