

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: March 15, 2017

SUBJECT: Resolution – We Are Hope Week

PRESENTER: County Manager Steve Wyatt

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1.) Resolution

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners is requested to adopt the attached Resolution designating “We Are Hope” Week, in the Henderson County Public School High Schools and Middle Schools. “We Are Hope” week will be recognized from April 3 – 7, 2017. This resolution is the result of student leaders in Henderson County Public Schools’ six high schools, and four middle schools who have joined with local Henderson County coalition HopeRx in educating their peers on alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and prescription drug use and abuse.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

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

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board adopt the attached Resolution observing “We Are Hope” substance abuse awareness week in Henderson County Public Schools’ high schools and middle schools.

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Resolution Honoring the Observance of “We Are Hope” Week in Henderson County Public Schools’ Middle & High Schools

April 3-7, 2017

WHEREAS, Substance and alcohol abuse negatively affects many areas of the brain, the liver, the heart, and other body parts and can cause adverse behavioral, psychological, and social consequences; and

WHEREAS, drug overdose was the leading cause of accidental death in the U.S. with 52,404 lethal drug overdoses and 20,101 overdose deaths specifically related to prescription pain relievers in 2015, according to the American Society of Addiction Medicine’s 2016 data; and

WHEREAS, substance and alcohol abuse continues to occur among children and youth in our society: 13.1 percent of high school students in North Carolina currently smoke cigarettes, 49.4 percent have used electronic vapor products, 14 percent have tried alcohol before age 13, 29.2 percent currently drank alcohol, 41.2 percent have used marijuana and 17.9 percent have taken prescription drugs without a doctor’s prescription, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s 2015 data; and

WHEREAS, student leaders in Henderson County Public Schools’ six high schools and four middle schools have joined with local Henderson County coalition HopeRx, the Henderson County Department of Public Health, Blue Ridge Health, Pardee Hospital, Park Ridge Health, local free clinics, Henderson County EMS, and the Henderson County Sheriff’s Office in educating their peers on alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and prescription drug use and abuse; and

WHEREAS, students at Apple Valley Middle, Flat Rock Middle, Hendersonville Middle, Rugby Middle, Balfour Education Center, East Henderson High, Henderson County Early College High, Hendersonville High, North Henderson High, and West Henderson High are pledging to be and remain substance-free;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, that April 3-7, 2017, be observed in Henderson County Public Schools’ middle and high schools as “We Are Hope” substance abuse awareness week.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Henderson to be affixed.

Adopted this 15th day of March 2017.

J. Michael Edney, Chairman

Attest: Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk to the Board