

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: May 1, 2017

SUBJECT: Proclamation – 2017 Strive Not to Drive Week

PRESENTER: Rachel Kipar, Environmental Programs Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1.) Proclamation

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners are requested to proclaim the week of May 12-19, 2017 as Strive Not to Drive Week and encourage all Henderson County officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in local carpooling, walking, bicycling, and public transit awareness activities and events.

A variety of educational and interactive events for all ages are scheduled to take place throughout Henderson County and parts of Western North Carolina during the week of May 12-19, 2017, in conjunction with partners from local governments, non-profits, businesses, and conservation organizations. The full schedule of all regional events can be found at www.strivenottodrive.org.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

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

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board adopt the attached Proclamation designating May 12-19, 2017 as Strive Not to Drive Week in Henderson County.

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PROCLAMATION *Strive Not to Drive Week, May 12-19, 2017*

WHEREAS, Strive Not to Drive Week is a regional effort across Western North Carolina to bring awareness to the importance of commuting transportation options for the betterment of local air and natural resource quality and improved citizen health, while reducing traffic and encouraging safer, multimodal traveling for all citizens and abilities; and,

WHEREAS, clean air is essential to public health, the environment, and the North Carolina economy; and,

WHEREAS, encouraging healthy lifestyles through alternative modes of transportation, such as walking and biking, is dependent on high local and regional air quality, which is affected by vehicle emissions; and,

WHEREAS, using active transportation can provide efficient, easy, fun, and inexpensive ways for citizens and visitors to travel around the area; and,

WHEREAS, multimodal and commuter options can provide everyday options for all community members and abilities and this event strives to more visibly promote those options; and,

WHEREAS, walking, biking, bus-riding, car-sharing, carpooling, and telecommuting are all healthier ways to get to work and school over driving independently in one-person vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, as Henderson County and the WNC region grow, commuting options to reduce increased vehicle traffic, roadway congestion, and greater parking needs will be increasingly critical and necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, do hereby designate the week of May 12-19, 2017 as Strive Not to Drive Week in Henderson County and encourage all County officials, employees, students, and residents to participate in local Strive Not to Drive Week activities.

Adopted this the 1st day of May, 2017.

MICHAEL J. EDNEY, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD