

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: March 21, 2018

SUBJECT: Proclamation Honoring the Observance of “We Are Hope” Week
In Henderson County Public Schools’ Middle & High Schools

PRESENTER: Chairman Michael Edney

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1.) Proclamation

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners is requested to adopt the attached Proclamation Honoring the Observance of “We Are Hope” Week in Henderson County Public Schools’ Middle and High Schools. “We Are Hope” Week takes place from March 26th through March 30th, 2018.

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 Honoring the Observance of “We Are Hope” Week, from March 26th through March 30th, 2018 in Henderson County Public Schools’ Middle and High Schools.

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Proclamation

*Honoring the Observance of "We Are Hope" Week
In Henderson County Public Schools' Middle & High Schools
March 26th through March 30th, 2018*

- 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 63,632 lethal drug overdoses in 2016, with 19,413 specifically related to synthetic opioids, according to the American Society of Addiction Medicine's 2018 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, East Henderson High, Henderson County Career Academy, Henderson County Early College, Hendersonville High, North Henderson High, and West Henderson High are pledging to be and remain substance-free;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, that the week of March 26th through March 30th, 2018, be observed in Henderson County Public Schools' middle and high schools as "We Are Hope" substance abuse awareness week

Adopted this the 21st day of March 2018.

ATTEST:

J. MICHAEL EDNEY, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD