

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: March 20, 2019

SUBJECT: Proclamation Honoring “We Are Hope” Week

PRESENTER: Chairman Grady Hawkins

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 April 8th through April 12th, 2019.

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 April 8th through April 12th, 2019 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
April 8th through April 12th, 2019*

- 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,** there were more than 63,600 drug overdose deaths in the United States in 2016, and the drug overdose death rate has more than tripled from 1999 to 2016; and
- WHEREAS,** substance and alcohol abuse continues to occur among children and youth in our society: in 2017, 12.1 percent of high school students in North Carolina smoked cigarettes, 44.1 percent used an electronic vape product, 26.5 percent drank alcohol, 36.5 percent used marijuana, 5.3 percent used cocaine, and 15 percent took prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance; and
- WHEREAS,** student leaders in Henderson County Public Schools' six high schools and four middle schools have joined with local Henderson County coalition HopeRx, 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 PROCLAIMED, by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, that the week of April 8-12, 2019, be observed in Henderson County Public Schools' middle and high schools as "We Are Hope" substance abuse awareness week

Adopted this the 20th day of March 2019.

ATTEST:

GRADY HAWKINS, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD