

# HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 79<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR

- WHEREAS,** seventy-nine years ago on December 7, 1941 the military installations of the United States at Pearl Harbor and elsewhere on the island of Oahu, Hawaii were attacked without warning by aircraft of the Imperial Japanese Navy; and
- WHEREAS,** that attack lasted for approximately 5 hours, during which 2,403 members of the United States military were killed or mortally wounded, 1,247 members were wounded, and 57 civilians lost their lives; and
- WHEREAS,** during that attack by Japanese aircraft, the United States also suffered losses of facilities, naval vessels and aircraft; and
- WHEREAS,** on December 8, 1941, the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Congress declared war against Japan, and three days later against Germany, beginning the involvement of the United States in a global conflict that would shape our world for years to come; and
- WHEREAS,** after nearly four years of warfare the Japanese surrendered, and World War II came to an end on September 2, 1945; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1950, the USS Arizona, one of the battleships of the United States sunk at Pearl Harbor, which became a final resting place for many of the 1,177 crew members of that battleship, was recognized as a national monument and educational site for citizens of the United States and international visitors alike; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1994, Congress designated December 7<sup>th</sup> of each year as National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day and requested that the day be observed by a Presidential proclamation calling on the people of the United States, including all departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Federal Government, interested organizations, groups and individuals, to fly the flag of the United States at half-staff and to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies, in honor of the individuals who died as a result of their service at Pearl Harbor;
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners declare December 7<sup>th</sup> a day for Henderson County local government and its citizens to observe and remember this important day in history.

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

Adopted this, the 7th day of December, 2020.

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CHAIRMAN  
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

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TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD