

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: March 16, 2016

SUBJECT: Resolution – We Are Hope Week

PRESENTER: Chairman Thompson

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 March 21, 2016 through March 25, 2016. 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’ HIGH SCHOOLS AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS

MARCH 21 – MARCH 25, 2016

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 injury death in 2012 and the drug overdose death rate has more than doubled from 1999 through 2013; and

WHEREAS, substance and alcohol abuse continues to occur among children and youth in our society: 15 percent of high school students in North Carolina have tried smoking cigarettes, 8.5 percent have used chewing tobacco, 14.3 percent have tried alcohol before age 13, 23.2 percent use marijuana and 17.2 percent have taken prescription drugs without a doctor’s prescription, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s 2013 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 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 March 21–March 25, 2016, be observed in Henderson County Public Schools’ high schools and middle 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 the 16th day of March, 2016.

THOMAS H. THOMPSON, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK