

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: July 19, 2017

SUBJECT: Resolution – Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the
Piedmont Airlines Flight 22 Crash

PRESENTER: Carolyn Justus

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1. Resolution

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the crash of Piedmont Airlines Flight 22, the Henderson County Heritage Museum, in conjunction with the Henderson County Rescue Squad will hold a ceremony on July 19, 2017 at 11:30am in front of the Courthouse. They have requested Board consideration of the attached Resolution, commemorating the anniversary.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to adopt the Resolution as presented.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board of Commissioners adopt the Resolution as presented, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Piedmont Airlines Flight 22 Crash.

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RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Piedmont Airlines Flight 22 Crash

WHEREAS, July 19, 2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the most catastrophic air disaster in North Carolina history; and

WHEREAS, on July 19, 1967 Piedmont Flight 22, a Boeing 727 with 74 passengers and a crew of five departed the Asheville Regional Airport at 11:58 am; and

WHEREAS, at 12:01 pm Flight 22 collided with a private Cessna 310B, carrying two passengers and one crew member; and

WHEREAS, this mid-air collision occurred over the skies of Hendersonville, and tragically resulted in the loss of 82 lives; and

WHEREAS, this event resulted in the first investigation by the then newly formed National Transportation Safety Board; and

WHEREAS, family members, friends, and local residents who witnessed and assisted with this tragic event continue to remember its impact 50 years later;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, do hereby commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Piedmont Airlines Flight 22 Crash. We honor the dead, as well as those who responded to help in whatever way they could, including emergency responders, the Rescue Squad, law enforcement, the National Guard, paramedics, doctors, nurses, volunteer fire fighters, scouts, and the community at large.

This the 19th day of July, 2017.

J. Michael Edney, Chairman
Henderson County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk to the Board