

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION  
HENDERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** March 18, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Honoring the Observance of “We Are Hope”  
Week in Henderson County Public Schools’ Middle &  
High Schools, March 30-April 3, 2020

**PRESENTER:** Chairman Grady Hawkins

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners is requested to adopt the attached Resolution Honoring the Observance of “We Are Hope” Week in Henderson County Public Schools’ Middle and High Schools, March 30-April 3, 2020.

**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 Honoring the Observance of “We Are Hope” Week in Henderson County Public Schools’ Middle and High Schools from March 30<sup>th</sup> through April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.*

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## Resolution Honoring the Observance of “We Are Hope” Week in Henderson County Public Schools’ Middle & High Schools March 30-April 3, 2020

**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 70,237 drug overdose deaths in the United States in 2017, with opioids involved in 47,600 or 67.8% of these;<sup>1</sup> 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;<sup>2</sup> 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, 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 RESOLVED**, by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, that March 30-April 3, 2020, be observed in Henderson County Public Schools’ middle and high schools as “We Are Hope” substance abuse awareness week.

Adopted this eighteenth day of March 2020.

ATTEST:

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GRADY H. HAWKINS, CHAIRMAN  
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/data/statedeaths.html>

<sup>2</sup> <https://nccd.cdc.gov/YouthOnline/App/Results.aspx?LID=NC>