

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: November 2, 2020

SUBJECT: Proclamation – National Homeless Youth Awareness Month

PRESENTER: Michael Absher

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1.) Proclamation

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Board has received a request from Michael Absher with Only Hope WNC to designate November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month in Henderson County. The attached proclamation sets aside this month as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month in Henderson County.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is required to adopt the attached Proclamation as presented.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board adopt the attached Proclamation proclaiming November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month in Henderson County.

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PROCLAMATION

November – National Homeless Youth Awareness Month

- WHEREAS,** the month of November is designated as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month; and
- WHEREAS,** this designation was declared by the U. S. House and Senate in 2007 and serves as an outlet to increase public awareness of an ongoing issue occurring in every city across the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** the nation's public schools report between 1.3 and 1.7 million homeless students grades pre-k through 12th grade; and
- WHEREAS,** we realize that adolescents become homeless, becoming separated from their caregivers and homes for various reasons, often putting them in precarious situations; and that school is often the most safe and stable environment for these youth; and
- WHEREAS,** we recognize in Henderson County that roughly 2.5 percent of our youth are identified as homeless; and
- WHEREAS,** Only Home WNC, Inc. is a local non-profit whose mission is to promote the value of education, honor individuality and diversity, nurture respect for self and others, and provide hope for young people in need in the community; and
- WHEREAS,** Only Hope WNC, Inc. will be hosting a sleep out on November 6 - November 7 at the Historic Courthouse on Main Street in Downtown Hendersonville in an effort to draw attention and support for youth homelessness; and
- WHEREAS,** an effort is being made by the board members of Only Hope WNC, Inc. to raise community-wide awareness of homeless youth in Henderson County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 2020 as "Homeless Youth Awareness Month" in Henderson County, and applaud the efforts of those who serve and help fight youth homelessness in Henderson County.

Adopted, this 2nd day of November 2020.

GRADY H. HAWKINS, Chairman
Henderson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk to the Board