

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

MEETING DATE: February 16, 2022

SUBJECT: Resolution Honoring the Observance of “We Are Hope”
Week in Henderson County Public Schools’ Middle & High
Schools, March 7-11, 2022

PRESENTER: Vice-Chairman Rebecca McCall

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 7-11, 2022.

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 7th through March 11th, 2022.

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Resolution Honoring the Observance of “We Are Hope” Week in Henderson County Public Schools’ Middle & High Schools March 7-11, 2022

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 100,306 drug overdose deaths in the United States in twelve months ending April 2021, with opioids involved in 75,673 drug overdose deaths during the same period;¹ and

WHEREAS, substance and alcohol abuse continues to occur among children and youth in our society: in 2019 (the last period for which there are statistics), 37.8 percent of high school students in North Carolina smoked cigarettes or used electronic vapor products, 24.2 percent drank alcohol, 22.1 percent used marijuana, 4.8 percent used cocaine, and 16.6 percent took prescription drugs without a doctor’s prescription, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s North Carolina, High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2019², 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 7-11, 2022, be observed in Henderson County Public Schools’ middle and high schools as “We Are Hope” substance abuse awareness week.

Adopted this sixteenth day of February 2022.

ATTEST:

WILLIAM G. LAPSLEY, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DENISA A. LAUFFER, CLERK TO THE BOARD

¹ https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/nchs_press_releases/2021/20211117.htm

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