

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

**HENDERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** February 21, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Honoring the Observance of “We Are Hope” Week in Henderson County Public Schools’ Middle & High Schools

**PRESENTER:** Board of Commissioners

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes  
1.) Resolution

**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 & High Schools from March 11 – March 15, 2024, including the display of “We Are Hope” week banners for each school on the front of the Historic Courthouse.

**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 & High Schools from March 11 – March 15, 2024, including the display of “We Are Hope” week banners for each school on the front of the Historic Courthouse.*

# Henderson County Board of Commissioners

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## Resolution Honoring the Observance of “We Are Hope” Week in Henderson County Public Schools’ Middle & High Schools March 11 – March 15, 2024

**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 106,872 drug overdose deaths in the United States in twelve months ending April 2022, with opioids involved in 80,593 drug overdose deaths during the same period;<sup>1</sup> 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, 2019<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 11 – March 15, 2024, be observed in Henderson County Public Schools’ middle and high schools as “We Are Hope” substance abuse awareness week.

Adopted this the 21st day of February 2024.

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REBECCA MCCALL, CHAIRMAN  
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

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DENISA A. LAUFFER, CLERK TO THE BOARD

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/drug-overdose-data.htm>

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