

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: September 17, 2025

SUBJECT: Resolution – “We Are Hope” Week In Henderson County Public Schools

PRESENTER: Commissioner Rebecca McCall

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1. Resolution

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners is requested to adopt the attached resolution, observing September 22 - 26, 2025, as “We Are Hope” Week in Henderson County Public Schools’ middle and high schools.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to adopt the attached resolution as presented.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board adopt the Resolution, observing September 22-26, 2025 as “We Are Hope” Week in Henderson County Public Schools middle and high school.

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RESOLUTION – HONORING THE OBSERVANCE OF “WE ARE HOPE” WEEK IN HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS’ MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, Substance and alcohol misuse adversely affects the brain, liver, heart, and overall health and can cause adverse behavioral, psychological, social and fatal consequences; and

WHEREAS, there were more than 83,300 drug overdose deaths in the United States in 2024, and the overall trend since 2018 is marked by a sharp rise, driven largely by synthetic opioids like fentanyl; and

WHEREAS, substance and alcohol abuse continue to occur among children and youth in our society: with overall usage among youth declining during the last 10 years due to education and prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, student leaders in Henderson County Public Schools’ six high schools and four middle schools have joined with local Henderson County Hope Coalition in educating their peers on alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and prescription drug use and misuse; and

WHEREAS, students at Apple Valley Middle, Flat Rock Middle, Hendersonville Middle, Rugby Middle, East Henderson High, Innovative High School, Henderson County Career Academy, 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 September 22nd, 2025 – September 26th, 2025 be observed in Henderson County Public Schools’ middle and high schools as “We Are Hope” substance abuse prevention week.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Henderson to be affixed.

Adopted this the 17th day of September 2025.

WILLIAM G. LAPSLEY, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

DENISA LAUFFER, CLERK TO THE BOARD