REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: October 21, 2026

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 November 9 – 13, 2026, 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:

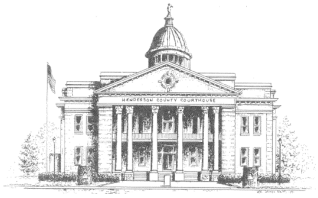
I move that the Board adopt the Resolution, observing November 9-13, 2026 as "We Are Hope" Week in Henderson County Public Schools middle and high school.

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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 abuse negatively affects many areas of the brain, the liver, the heart, and other body parts and can cause adverse behavior, psychological, and social consequences; and

WHEREAS, there were more than 69,900 drug overdose deaths in the United States in 2025 and 44,564 of those deaths involved opioids; and

WHEREAS, substance and alcohol abuse continues to occur among children and youth in our society. In 2025, nearly 15.3% of youth aged 12 years or older, met diagnostic criteria for a substance use disorder in the past year; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2025 National Survey on Drug Use and Health from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, approximately 1 in 4 youth aged 12 years or older reported illicit drug use in last year, including 129.1 million reported alcohol use, followed by 46.9 million using tobacco products, 43.8 million using marijuana, and 29.3 million vaping nicotine; 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, 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 November 9 – 13, 2026 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 21st day of September 2026.

WILLIAM G. LAPSLEY, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

DENISA LAUFFER, CLERK TO THE BOARD