

# Proclamation

## Homeless Youth Awareness Month

**WHEREAS**, the month of November is designated as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month as 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 1.5 and 2.3 million homeless students grades pre-k through 12th grade; and

**WHEREAS**, we realize that when adolescents become homeless, being separated from their caregivers and homes for various reasons, which often places them in precarious situations; 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**, an effort is being made by the board members of Only Hope WNC, Inc. by hosting its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Sleep Out on November 4 - November 5 at the Historic Courthouse on Main Street in Downtown Hendersonville in an effort to draw attention and support for youth homelessness in Henderson County.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Hendersonville does hereby proclaim the month of November 2022 as

### “Homeless Youth Awareness Month”

in the City of Hendersonville and applaud the efforts of those who serve and help fight youth homelessness in Henderson County.

**PROCLAIMED** this 3rd day of November 2022

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Barbara G. Volk, Mayor  
City of Hendersonville

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Daniel Heyman, Deputy City Clerk