

Proclamation

**BE SMART WEEK
AUGUST 26 – 30, 2024**

WHEREAS, Guns are the number one killer of children and teens in the United States, more than accident or disease; and

WHEREAS, the city of Hendersonville is committed to creating a safe environment contributing to the well-being of our children; and

WHEREAS, almost every day, a child gets his or her hands on a gun and unintentionally kills or injures himself or herself or someone else in the United States; and

WHEREAS, research shows that one of the best ways to protect children and teens from accessing guns is to implement secure firearm storage practices including making sure guns are secured with a lock or in a safe; and

WHEREAS, there are steps we can all take, gun owners and non-gun owners alike, to make sure kids can't access guns and put themselves and others in danger; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 54 percent of gun owners don't lock all of their guns securely and an estimated 4.6 million children live in a home with at least one unlocked and loaded gun in the United States; and

WHEREAS, when guns aren't properly stored, tragedy can strike - whether it's a child finding a firearm and injuring or killing himself or herself or someone else, or someone stealing it and using it to commit crime in our communities; and

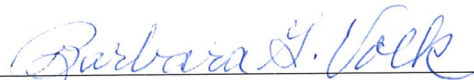
WHEREAS, BE SMART Week raises awareness and promotes efforts to educate the public about secure gun storage; the City of Hendersonville commends Be SMART and all involved in their endeavor to keep communities safe;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Barbara Volk of the City of Hendersonville, North Carolina declares August 26 – 30, 2024 to be BE SMART Week.

PROCLAIMED this 28th day of August, 2024.

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Barbara G. Volk, Mayor
City of Hendersonville

Attest: 
Jill Murray, City Clerk