

Proclamation

CELEBRATION AND RECOGNITION OF MIGRANT WORKERS

WHEREAS apples are one of the most important agricultural crops grown in Henderson County, with ninety-one active growers producing an estimated million bushels annually. Eighty percent (80%) of this state's apple supply is from Henderson County with an average income of \$30 million. North Carolina is considered the seventh largest producer of apples in the United States; and

WHEREAS none of this economic benefit would be realized without the support of the migrant workers who come to Henderson County under the migrant worker H2A program. Each year more than five thousand workers come into our county to support the apple industry. Migrant workers bring invaluable skills and experience to the apple industry, contributing to the cultivation, harvesting, and packing of our apple crops with diligence and care. These workers and their families remain a largely unseen population within our community, but the work they do is crucial to the health of our agricultural production. These workers tend the orchards and harvest the crop that delivers the revenue that is so important to the economic well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS the contributions of migrant workers not only support the apple industry, but also enrich the cultural and social fabric of our communities, fostering diversity and mutual understanding. Likewise, they also contribute to the financial success of the local retail businesses in Hendersonville and throughout Henderson County; and

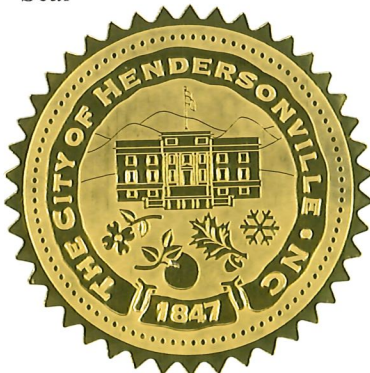
WHEREAS it is appropriate for us to proclaim our heartfelt appreciation for the contributions of migrant workers to the Henderson County apple industry. We should honor the hard work, dedication, and commitment to delivering quality labor and services. While the migrant workers remain a largely invisible component of our community, we are compelled to pledge support and advocate for the fair treatment and well-being of all migrant workers in our county.

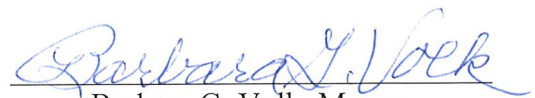
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara Volk, Mayor of the City of Hendersonville, on behalf of the residents of Hendersonville, do hereby proclaim August 30, 2024, as a day to recognize and celebrate the contributions of migrant workers to the apple industry of Henderson County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we extend our sincere appreciation to all migrant workers for their dedication, labor, and unwavering commitment to our community and our local agricultural heritage.

PROCLAIMED this 28th day of August, 2024.

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Barbara G. Volk, Mayor
City of Hendersonville

Attest:


Jill Murray, City Clerk