

Proclamation

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Public Law 99-483, enacted by Congress in 1987, designated March as National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to almost 200,000 people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities throughout all 100 counties of our state; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of all North Carolinians to recognize and acknowledge that it is not disabilities, but unjust societal barriers and attitudes that can keep individuals from realizing their full potential at school, work, home, and/or in their communities; and

WHEREAS, all citizens can contribute to improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities by becoming advocates and supporters of their increased independence, capacity, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, expecting and enabling people with developmental disabilities to function independently and productively within our societal and economic structures can strengthen our community in all areas, including public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hendersonville commends the Abound Health and other agencies, businesses, organizations, and individuals throughout our community working to improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities and their families through advocacy, capacity building, and systems change.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara Volk, Mayor of the City of Hendersonville, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as

“Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month”

and encourage citizens to galvanize efforts that will lead our communities and policy makers to create real system changes so people with developmental disabilities may enjoy equitable, inclusive lives.

PROCLAIMED this 3rd day of March 2022

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Barbara G. Volk, Mayor
City of Hendersonville

Attest:

Angela Reece, City Clerk

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 1.3 and 1.7 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 a sleep out on November 6 - November 7 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, I, Barbara Volk, Mayor of the City of Hendersonville, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2021 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 4th day of November 2021

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Barbara G. Volk, Mayor
City of Hendersonville

Attest:

Angela Reece, City Clerk

Proclamation

“Beth Carden Day” March 31, 2021

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to honor and pay tribute to Beth Carden as she begins a new chapter in her life following her retirement from the Henderson County Tourism Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, Beth will retire from the Henderson County Tourism Development Authority on March 31, 2021 after 12 years of service to Tourism Development Authority members and the people of Henderson County as the TDA’s Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, Beth’s roots run deep in Western North Carolina, growing up on family property in Brevard, NC. Her knowledge of the history and geography of the region have been invaluable assets as she served the community and visitors. Henderson County has jumped from 17th to 14th in travel impact among North Carolina’s 100 counties. Carden was the first recipient of Visit North Carolina’s inaugural Champion Award, from the state’s tourism bureau. Her years with the TDA have seen Henderson County grow and prosper into the community it is today; and

WHEREAS, Beth has been a dedicated member of the community, serving on numerous boards and committees over the years including, the Blue Ridge Parkway, North Carolina Tourism Industry Association, DuPont State Recreational Forest, Blue Ridge Mountain Host, North Carolina Apple Festival and Henderson County Parks & Recreation. Her contributions have led to many improvements. She has shared her knowledge and contributed to the growth of the entire region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara Volk, Mayor of the City of Hendersonville, do hereby proclaim March 30, 2021 as

“Beth Carden Day”

in the City of Hendersonville and sincere appreciation for her dedicated service to the citizens of Hendersonville, which contributed to the growth of the entire region and bid her well wishes and all the best in her retirement.

PROCLAIMED the 30th day of March 2021.

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Barbara G. Volk, Mayor
City of Hendersonville

Proclamation

In Appreciation of

Partners for Economic Progress Chairman Larry Rogers

Upon the Occasion of His Retirement

WHEREAS, on the thirty first day of December 2021, after serving the past twenty-one years as Chairman of the Partners for Economic Progress, LARRY ROGERS departs leaving behind him an impressive legacy of service. We, the Governing Body of Hendersonville wish to publicly extend our congratulations to Larry Rogers in his retirement and to acknowledge his contributions which were built on the foundation of knowledge he obtained through various career experiences; and

WHEREAS, LARRY ROGERS has spent most of his life working in various capacities beginning in tobacco fields in South Carolina continuing on to serve his country in the United States Army. After his military service Larry pursued a textile engineering degree from NC State University and proceeded to dedicate the next forty years to the American Enka Corporation (later known as BASF) while also raising a family; and

WHEREAS, after retirement from BASF, LARRY ROGERS served the Chairman of the Henderson County Partners for Economic Progress for the next twenty-one years (2000 – 2021); and

WHEREAS, LARRY ROGERS has dutifully attended most area government meetings that involve regulatory actions related to business and development, advocating, and promoting the interests of local business owners in Henderson County.

WHEREAS, during his two decades of service LARRY ROGERS has created a stronger business community in Hendersonville; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara Volk, Mayor of the City of Hendersonville wish to recognize the many years of service to our community by LARRY ROGERS on the occasion of his retirement and to thank him for his dedicated service to our area business district.

PROCLAIMED this 6th day of January 2022.

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Barbara G. Volk, Mayor
City of Hendersonville

Attest: _____
Angela Reece, City Clerk

Proclamation

Celebrating 100th Birthday

WHEREAS, Ardis Glaser will be honored by friends and relatives on December 12th, 2020, recognizing her 100th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Ardis was born in Baudette, Minnesota, on December 12, 1920, the daughter of a farm manager and a schoolteacher, having later relocated to Flat Rock, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, she left Baudette at the age of 23 to enlist in the Women's Army Corps in Fort Des Moines, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Ardis Glaser is a United States Women's Army Corps Veteran, serving in WWII in the United States Armed Forces at Camp Carson, CO as a Corporal from 1943 to 1945, and

WHEREAS, While at Camp Carson, Ardis met S/SGT William Glaser and was married on February 7, 1944, sharing the next 61 years together; and

WHEREAS, Ardis and William have a son Steve, and "Daughter-in-Love", Sheila, who wish to express their love and gratitude to their mother on this wonderful occasion; and

WHEREAS, Ardis has remained a faithful member of Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church, where she helped prepare their weekly newsletter for many years; and

WHEREAS, Ardis has seen many changes in Hendersonville and in the world during her 100 years, but her never wavering values confirm her love for God, her family, her friends and community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara G. Volk, Mayor of the City of Hendersonville, on the occasion of the 100th birthday of Mrs. Ardis Glaser do hereby proclaim every December 12 as

"Ardis Glaser Day"

in the City of Hendersonville and extend best wishes on this special occasion.

PROCLAIMED this 12th day of December 2020

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Barbara G. Volk, Mayor
City of Hendersonville

Attest:

Angela Reece, City Clerk