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Henderson County Board of Commissioners
1 Historic Courthouse Square
Hendersonville, NC 28792

RE: Proposal for County Involvement in Strive Not to Drive

Dear Henderson County Commissioners:

As you know, Henderson County residents are increasingly strapped by high gas prices which stress local residents financially and drain how much they can spend in the local economy. Although there are alternatives to driving alone, many residents are not aware of them or are not taking advantage of them. In order to encourage a healthier, more sustainable community while helping people save money and cut their energy footprint, ECO, the Environmental and Conservation Organization, is launching a community effort, Strive Not to Drive on April 20th. On that day, ECO will be promoting public transportation, carpooling, and walking. Several large businesses, the City of Hendersonville and Blue Ridge Community College have already committed to participate and we hope the county will commit to participate as well.

Some of the ways the community is participating include:

- Blue Ridge Community College will host an interdepartmental challenge to encourage carpooling. The winning department will receive gift cards.
- Middle School students in Henderson County will participate in a poster contest depicting and encouraging more community-based transportation alternatives.
- Apple Country Transit system provides a significant service, but public awareness and use of this bus system isn't to its full potential. ECO will be working with businesses along the White route to give bus riders coupons for riding the bus on April 20th.
- Pardee and Park Ridge Hospitals will encourage their employees to carpool that day and offer them special incentives.

To further promote better transportation alternatives, we request the County Commissioners consider the following:

- 1) Consider making Strive Not to Drive Day a Free Fare Day on April 20, 2012. The cost is low compared to the publicity. Apple Country Transit supports about 92,000 passenger trips annually or roughly 360 passenger-trips daily. At 75¢ a passenger trip, that is under \$300 for one day of fares. We hope that the better acquainted residents are of Apple Country Transit, the more they'll use it, thus increasing the number of fares the county receives.

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING FRIDAY APRIL 20, 2012 AS STRIVE NOT TO DRIVE DAY

WHEREAS, Henderson County is an exceptional place to live and work; and

WHEREAS, reducing transportation fuel consumption can better sustain the quality of life for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, reducing fuel consumption reduces the amount of money exported out of the region; and

WHEREAS, reducing fuel consumption reduces expenses for Henderson County residents; and

WHEREAS, alternatives to vehicle use can promote a healthier and more enjoyable lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental and Conservation Organization is promoting these practices for the benefit of Henderson County residents together with local businesses, Blue Ridge Community College and the City of Hendersonville;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 20, 2012 as “**Strive Not to Drive**” in Henderson County, and do further hereby urge every citizen to do his or her part to reduce their transportation fuel consumption by consolidating trips, carpooling, walking, biking, or telecommuting on April 20 and throughout the year.

Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2012.

THOMAS THOMPSON, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD