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County Hires New Parks and Recreation Director

October 30, 2007 – Henderson County, NC: Timothy Hopkin has been appointed as Henderson County's new Parks and Recreation Director. Hopkin, 39, has worked in the department for the past 14 years most recently as the Athletic Programs Supervisor. He succeeds Interim Director Marcus Jones.

Henderson County's Assistant County Manager Selena Coffey said, "This has been a deliberate recruitment process as we have intentionally taken the time to evaluate what we have, where we're going, and what we need to get there. During that evaluation period, it became evident that we have an outstanding candidate internally who deserves the opportunity that this position presents. I am pleased that Tim has accepted this challenge."

"I'm excited about using the skills and knowledge I've acquired over the past 14 years to enhance Parks and Recreation in Henderson County," Hopkin said. "I've been able to be involved in a lot of different groups, programs and events, giving me insight into resources and talents people have. I look forward to harnessing those talents and operating a top-notch program the community will be proud of and involved in."

In January 2007 Hopkin won the North Carolina Youth Soccer Director of the Year Award for his leadership with the county's soccer program, which has about 1,500 participants annually.

Henderson County Board of Commissioner Chairman Bill Moyer said: "I'm very pleased and excited that we have Tim Hopkin aboard to provide the tremendous service of leading our Parks and Recreation Department. I expect great things from him and congratulate him on his promotion."

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Henderson County Manager Steve Wyatt said, "Frankly speaking, the department and its programs have tremendous potential that require a high level of leadership to reach its goals. Integrity is the primary ingredient in leadership. Tim has demonstrated to staff and those involved with the program a high degree of integrity and dedication to Henderson County Parks and Recreation. He has the potential to be an outstanding Director and I look forward to working with him."

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