

Proclamation

PAY IT FORWARD DAY

WHEREAS, Pay It Forward Day encourages people to do between one and three good deeds for others without asking for anything in return except to pay it forward to someone else in need, and

WHEREAS, the aim of the Pay It Forward concept is to promote community spirit through intentional random acts of kindness, and

WHEREAS, the *Pay It Forward* novel written by Catherine Ryan Hyde in 2000 has inspired the creation of a movie, a nonprofit foundation, and a movement that has been vital in inspiring many thousands of good deeds all over the world; and

WHEREAS, Pay It Forward Day was created in 2007 in Australia to further the altruistic movement of goodwill, and

WHEREAS, many individuals get caught up in the rush of everyday life and lose sight of what is most important and Pay It Forward Day is a great reminder of the positive energy we radiate when we give to others, and

WHEREAS, Pay It Forward Day is a worldwide effort being supported by more than 35 countries, including Australia, the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

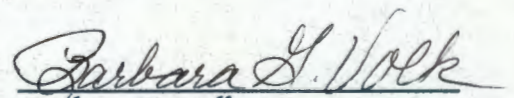
NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARBARA G. VOLK, Mayor of the City of Hendersonville, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2012 to be

"Pay It Forward Day"

in the City of Hendersonville to recognize the importance of doing good deeds and to urge all citizens to observe Pay it Forward Day with activities and acts of kindness that demonstrate and celebrate selfless giving.

In Witness Whereof I Have Hereunto Set My Hand this Eighth Day of February, 2012 and Have Caused the Seal of the City of Hendersonville to Be Affixed Hereto.




Barbara G. Volk, Mayor
City of Hendersonville, NC