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## Henry County Boards Kick Off Bicentennial with Day of Service

Board of Education, Board of Commissioners call on community to unite to beautify county on birthday

HENRY COUNTY, GA – Henry County Board of Education Chair Holly Cobb and Board of Commissioners Chair Carlotta Harrell, along with their colleagues on each respective board are joining together in a call to service of all Henry Countians on Saturday, May 15 for a Henry County Day of Service in conjunction with the county's bicentennial celebration efforts this year.

This year, Henry County will celebrate its 200<sup>th</sup> birthday, and May 15, 1821, is the official date the Georgia Legislature granted the county its status through the Georgia Land Lottery Act.

That means the date designated for the Day of Service falls on the county's actual birthday, and county leaders are looking to this special event to be a unifying kickoff to a variety of celebrations planned throughout the year.

"Both Chair Harrell and I have a strong desire to work together on many important issues to benefit the citizens and families of Henry County, and this is a perfect opportunity to have our community come together in service to the place we call home by working to make it a beautiful, clean place to live," said Cobb.

A list of beautification projects has been designated for this day of service, and interested volunteers can go to the special 200<sup>th</sup> birthday website at <a href="www.henrycounty200.com">www.henrycounty200.com</a> to see the list and register to volunteer.

"This is a wonderful way to kickoff Henry County's Bicentennial, with collaboration between the schools, the county, and all of our stakeholders and citizens," said Henry County Commission Chair Carlotta Harrell. "Giving back to our community through service is a great way to start, and I look forward to other exciting events going forward to celebrate our beautiful county and this prestigious anniversary year."

The Henry County Day of Service will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at each of the designated project areas. The projects cover all parts of the county, providing easy access to a project no matter where a volunteer resides. Each project's scope of work also allows for volunteers of all ages to be able to take part.

Both Cobb and Harrell know this kickoff event is the perfect way to start the official year of celebrating Henry County's 200<sup>th</sup> year in existence.

"It's a great thing to be able to celebrate this important moment in our county's history by coming together to continue to make it one of the best counties for citizens to work, live, be educated, and enjoy a variety of social activities," added Cobb.

For more information on the Henry County Day of Service, visit www.HenryCounty200.com.

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