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COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department/Division: Emergency Mgmt. / Public Safety

Department Head: Allen McCullough

Presenter, if needed: A. McCullough/P. Nelms

Preferred Meeting Date: Thursday, January 22, 2009

Wording for the Agenda:

Proclamation for Severe Weather Awareness Week 2009.

Background/History/Details:

The Fayette County Emergency Management Agency is launching a public awareness campaign developed to assist Fayette County citizens in understanding the importance of emergency preparedness and to provide them with the tools necessary to prepare for weather-related or other catastrophic emergencies; and in doing so is providing a week of activities to encourage and promote awareness of potential weather-related disasters.

Each day of that week is designated for a "special" awareness activity.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Proclaim the week of February 1-7, 2009 ass Severe Weather Awareness Week.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?

If so, when?

Do you need audio-visual for the presentation? No

Back-up Material Submitted? Yes

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Approved by Finance? Yes

Reviewed by Legal? Yes

Approved by Purchasing? Yes

Approved by Administrative Staff? Yes

Staff Notes

Administrator's Approval Yes

Confirmed Meeting Date Thursday, January 22, 2009

- (●) Recognition/ Presentation
- ( ) Public Hearing
- ( ) Old Business
- ( ) New Business
- ( ) Consent
- ( ) Report
- ( ) Other

PROCLAMATION

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK 2009

WHEREAS, Each year the residents of Fayette County face the threat of severe weather events including lightning, thunderstorms, floods, flash floods, wind and hail storms, tornadoes and hurricanes, all a grave threat to life and property; and

WHEREAS, Urbanization and continued population growth increase the likelihood that these weather events will result in injury, loss of life, or devastating destruction of property; and

WHEREAS, During the past 31 years, severe weather occurrences have caused the deaths of at least 308 people in Georgia, including several in Fayette County; and

WHEREAS, It is vital that effective public education programs concerning severe weather systems and preparedness procedures continue to be made available, for the benefit of all Fayette County residents and visitors to our community; and

WHEREAS, Public safety agencies from local, state and federal governments, along with volunteer and professional associations, elected leaders, and news media, are committed to informing our citizens about safety and severe weather preparedness procedures so that they may better protect themselves, their homes, families and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, The Fayette County Emergency Management Agency is launching a public awareness campaign developed to assist Fayette County citizens in understanding the importance of emergency preparedness and to provide them with the tools necessary prepare for weather-related or other catastrophic emergencies; and in doing so is providing a week of activities to encourage and promote awareness of potential weather-related disasters, including the following:

February 1	Sunday	Family Preparedness Day
February 2	Monday	NOAA Weather Radio
February 3	Tuesday	Thunderstorm Safety
February 4	Wednesday	Tornado Safety (Countywide Drill)
February 5	Thursday	Lightning Safety
February 6	Friday	Flooding (Drill Back-up Day)
February 7	Saturday	SKYWARN™

Now, therefore, we, the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, do hereby proclaim the week of February 1 - 7, 2009, as **"SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK IN FAYETTE COUNTY",** and in doing so encourage our citizens to take advantage of the opportunities available through the Fayette County Emergency Management Agency to learn about the science of weather events and measures that can be taken to protect their families and property when severe weather occurs.

So proclaimed this 22nd day of January, 2009, by the

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Jack R. Smith, Chairman