COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Thursday, June 27, 2013	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Proclamation of "Days of Remembrance" in accordance of the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.

Background/History/Details:

See attached Proclamation.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Proclamation of "Days of Remembrance" in accordance of the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*	No	Backup Provided with Request?	Yes

**** All audio-visual material must be submitted to the County Clerk's Office no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. It is also your department's responsibility to ensure all third-party audio-visual material is submitted at least 48 hours in advance.***

Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval			

Staff Notes:

Proclamation

150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg

Days of Remembrance

WHEREAS, During July 1-3, 1863, our nation fought the battle that marked the beginning of the end of the Civil War, the Battle of Gettysburg; and,

WHEREAS, Gettysburg was the largest and deadliest battle fought on American soil where 170,000 soldiers fought in a small town in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Over 51,000 men, representing many states from the Union and Confederacy, sacrificed their lives in defense of their beliefs, their states, and their nation; and

WHEREAS, Out of the destruction of the town of Gettysburg, an inseparable and free nation would soon be born again; and

WHEREAS; One of the most beloved Presidents, Abraham Lincoln, would honor those who died while challenging all Americans to maintain freedom with these poignant words:

"Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Fayette County Board of Commissioners, proclaim July 1-3, 2013, as days of remembrance, in accordance of the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, and in so doing we call upon all Fayette County citizens to remember the struggles of our past and to defend freedom for future generations.

So proclaimed this 27th day of June 2013

BOARD OF COMMSIONERS

FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Steve Brown, Chairman