Presentation/Recognition #1

COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Board of Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Thursday, September 11, 2014	Type of Request:	Proclamation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Proclamation of September 16, 2014 as "The American Legion Day in Fayette County" with Posts 50 and 105 of the American Legion.

Background/History/Details:

The American Legion was chartered by the United States Congress on September 16, 1919 as a wartime veterans organization based on the four pillars of Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth.

Over the years, the American Legion has become a preeminent community-service organization that numbers more than 2.5 million members, comprised of more that 14,000 American Legion posts worldwide, that works in support of the four pillars while benefiting the nations veterans, service members, families, and the youth of America and its citizens.

The American Legion is dedicated to upholding the ideals of freedom and democracy while working to make a difference in the lives of fellow Americans.

Commander Wayne Fowler of American Legion Post 50 in Peachtree City has requested that the Board of Commissioners proclaim September 16, 2014 as "The American Legion Day in Fayette County." This request has also been made on behalf of American Legion Post 105 in Fayetteville.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Proclamation of September 16, 2014 as "The American Legion Day in Fayette County" with Posts 50 and 105 of the American Legion.

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:

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THE AMERICAN LEGION DAY IN FAYETTE COUNTY

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The American Legion was chartered by Congress on September 16, 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization; and

WHEREAS, This organization is the largest service organization in the United States that continuously works to aid wounded warriors and military families, having established a legacy of community volunteerism and playing a significant role in establishing important national legislators; and

WHEREAS, Fayette County's local American Legion Posts 105 and Post 50 have advocated for veterans and families from Capitol Hill to Peachtree City and Fayetteville combined for over ninety years; and

WHEREAS, Harry W. Colmery, a former national commander of the American Legion and former Republican National Chairman, is credited with drawing up the first draft of the GI Bill which was introduced in the House on January 10, 1944, and in the Senate the following day; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the American Legion has influenced a considerable change in America, winning hundreds of benefits for veterans, and producing many important programs for children and youth; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion focuses on service to veterans, service members, and communities, evolving from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States, striving to support and benefit the nation's veterans, its service members, their families, and the youth of American and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Membership into the American Legion has grown to over 2.4 million members in 14,000 posts all around the world;

NOW THEREFORE, WE, THE Fayette County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim September 16, 2014 as

THE AMERICAN LEGION DAY IN FAYETTE COUNTY

And in so doing we call upon all citizens of Fayette County to support our local American Legion Post 105 in Fayetteville and The American Legion Post 50 in Peachtree City and to emulate their examples of contributing to veterans, citizens, and communities across the county, state, and nation.

So proclaimed this 11th day of September 2014,

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STEVE BROWN, Chairman