COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	County Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Board of Commissioners
Meeting Date:	Thursday, February 24, 2011	Type of Request:	Consent

Wording for the Agenda:

Approval of a request from the Fayette County Civitan Club for a Proclamation of Appreciation designating February 25, 2011 as "Clergy Appreciation Day".

Background/History/Details:

Mr. Charles Ballard, Chaplain for the Fayette County Civitan Club has asked for a local proclamation in keeping with a project of Civitan International which commemorates clergy of all denominations and which springs from an event in 1943 when four military chaplains, upon the sinking of the USS Dorchester, shed their life jackets to save four others, and thereby perished.

Members of the Civitan Club are not available to attend the meeting because they have conflicts with one of their own events but have asked that the County consider approving the Proclamation on their behalf.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Adopt Proclamation as a part of the Consent Agenda.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

No funding required.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	No	If so, when?	
Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?	No	Back-up Material Submitted?	Yes

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

Staff Notes:

PROCLAMATION
"Clergy Day in Fayette County"

Whereas, Acts of social beneficence and charity operate within every community and serve to augment the limits of government provisions by promoting the general welfare of residents of Fayette County, Georgia; and

Whereas, Men and women of the cloth of all faiths and denominations serve notably within Fayette County, in relief of the poor and disadvantaged, and in the ministry to the needs of our populace, in ways wherein love and compassion have proven more valuable than mere governmental aid; and

Whereas, In so serving, these religious servants, in their work, bring hope and opportunity to some and, in their efforts, aid and reflect credit upon us all; and

Whereas, The Fayette County Civitan Club, at its annual Clergy Appreciation Ceremony, annually honors members of the clergy of all faiths and denominations who serve our community by non-sectarian acts of charity and invites recognition of those who so serve;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, by way of this document, does hereby proclaim its appreciation and recognition of all serve our community by helping others. Further, we extend our appreciation to the Fayette County Civitan Club for its work in our community as well, for its social, benevolent, and educational endeavors that make the Fayette Community an excellent place to call home. Additionally, this Board hereby designates Friday, February 25, 2011 as "Clergy Appreciation Day in Fayette County" in commemoration of outstanding work by the clergy whose service to humanity in our County is palpably evident, transcending social, religious and economic boundaries and strengthening our community.

So proclaimed this 24th day of February, 2011, by the

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Herbert E. Frady, Chairman