COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Thursday, February 14, 2013	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Proclamation of February 2013 as "Heart Health Month".

Background/History/Details:

Every year, the American Heart Association designates the month of February as "American Heart Month". This designation is designed to draw awareness to the fact that that over half a million Americans pass away due to heart disease. This equates to approximately one out of every three deaths in America being attributed to heart disease and stroke. This problem effects the lives of Americans from coast to coast, and impacts the lives of citizens in Fayette County.

Fayette County is proud to to join other counties across the United States in proclaiming February as "Heart Health Month". By doing so, the Board of Commissioners encourages the citizens of Fayette County to research and learn the risk factors associated with heart disease and stroke and to implement habits and lifestyle changes to reduce the individual dangers.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Proclamation of February 2013 as "Heart Health Month."

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

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

Staff Notes:

Per request from Debbie Britt; Piedmont Fayette Hospital; Executive Director, Community and Public Relations.

PROCLAMATION

HEART HEALTH MONTH
February 2013

WHEREAS, Every year, heart disease takes the lives of over half a million Americans, and it remains the leading cause of death in the United States for both men and women; and

WHEREAS, This devastating disease has impacted many people of all ages and races in the Fayette community; and

WHEREAS, Many heart attack victims do not recognize the indicators until it is too late, when only one in five are is able to reach a hospital quickly enough to benefit from treatment; and

WHEREAS, Many more Americans are unaware of the danger of cardiac arrest, with about 95 percent of sudden cardiac arrest victims dying before reaching the hospital; and

WHEREAS, This month, as American Heart Month is observed across our nation, let us all take personal responsibility to reduce the risk of heart disease and recommit to better heart health for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, We encourage all citizens to be aware of risk factors that can lead to heart disease, including: high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, physical inactivity, tobacco use, and family history; and

WHEREAS, All citizens can slow or even prevent coronary artery disease by taking steps toward a healthier lifestyle by taking everyday steps to get enough exercise, eat right, practice portion control, reduce sodium and fat from your diet, manage stress and quit smoking; and

WHEREAS, As part of the national observance for American Heart Month and in support of efforts by Piedmont Fayette Hospital and the American Heart Association to raise awareness of heart disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIM and recognize February 2013 as **"HEART HEALTH MONTH"** and in doing so we urge and invite all Fayette County citizens to raise awareness of Heart Disease, to take steps to improve their own heart health, and to encourage colleagues, friends, and family to do this same.

So Proclaimed this 14th Day of February 2013

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Steve Brown, Chairman