COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Commissioner David Barlow
Meeting Date:	Thursday, August 29, 2013	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Proclamation of September 14, 2013 as Fayette's Biggest Food Drive.

Background/History/Details:

During the April 25, 2013 Board of Commissioners meeting, Commissioner David Barlow requested the Board to support an effort known as Fayette's Biggest Food Drive. Ms. Arwen Mulliken, Fayette's Biggest Food Drive's Project Manager, was invited to the Board to speak concerning this initiative. The Board unanimously voted to formally endorse Fayette's Biggest Food Drive at that meeting.

Currently, over 4% of Fayette County's families live at or below the poverty level. Given the national recession, those who are the most vulnerable amongst us feel the effects.

The citizens of Fayette County have a responsibility to take care of those in need. On September 14-15, the County is coming together to fill a 53' foot trailer full of food in a simple and honest answer to take care of those in need. The trailer will be parked in the County's parking lot for both days. All Fayette County fire stations and the County's Parks and Recreation Department will also serve as drop-off locations for food items.

Peachtree City, Tyrone, and Fayetteville's Councils either already have or plan to endorse this event, making this initiative a truly multi-jurisdictional effort.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Proclamation of September 14, 2013 as Fayette's Biggest Food Drive.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	Yes	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:

The cities of Fayetteville and Peachtree City, along with the Town of Tyrone, either have or will shortly make their individual proclamations endorsing Fayette's Biggest Food Drive. This multi-jurisdictional endorsement shows an agreement across the county to help those in need.

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Fayette's Biggest Food Drive

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Today in Fayette County, over 4% of families living within its communities live at or below the poverty level; and

WHEREAS, Even as our nation is slowly recovering from the Great Recession, many families remain without employment and income, with the most vulnerable feeling the deepest effects; and

WHEREAS, The hearts and prayers of Fayette County's citizens yearn to help those with low incomes, senior citizens, and children; and

WHEREAS, Citizens in Fayette County are known for reaching out to their neighbors in efforts to take care of their own; and

WHEREAS, Fayette's Biggest Food Drive is an initiative to fill a 53-foot trailer full of food; and

WHEREAS, The City of Fayetteville, the City of Peachtree City, the Town of Tyrone, and the Town of Brooks have endorsed Fayette's Biggest Food Drive through proclamations of their own; and

WHEREAS, On April 25, 2013, the Fayette County Board of Commissioners officially endorsed Fayette's Biggest Food Drive and offered its facilities, including its fire stations and Recreation building, for collection areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIM September 14, 2013 as **"FAYETTE'S BIGGEST FOOD DRIVE DAY"** and in so doing we call upon all citizens in Fayette County to donate food for the hungry through this endeavor. We further call upon all Fayette County's businesses, non-profit organizations, and houses of worship, to partner with us in this blessed work in anticipation of exceeding the basic need of feeding Fayette's family.

So Proclaimed this 29th day of August 2013,

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

STEVE BROWN, Chairman