Presentation/Recognition #1

COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Board of Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Thursday, August 28, 2014	Type of Request:	Proclamation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Proclamation of September 2014 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Fayette County.

Background/History/Details:

Families, caregivers, charities and research groups across the United States observe September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

In the U.S., nearly 15,000 children under the age of twenty-one are diagnosed with cancer every year, of which approximately of whom will not survive the disease.

A diagnosis of cancer turns the lives of the entire family upside down.

The objective of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is to put a spotlight on the types of cancer that largely affect children and on survivorship issues. This effort is intended to bring awareness of childhood cancer and to help raise funds for research and family support.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Proclamation of September 2014 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Fayette County.

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:

Due to scheduling difficulties, it is unlikely that a representative will be at the meeting to receive this proclamation, however, the Board has been asked to read the proclamation into the record.

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age fifteen, with this tragic disease being detected in more than 15,000 of our country's young people each and every year; and

WHEREAS, one in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer, and many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

WHEREAS, founded over twenty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at Children's at Scottish Rite Hospital in Atlanta, Aflac Cancer Center, The Children's Hospital at The Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor Courageous Kid Recognition Award ceremonies and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

NOW THEREFORE, WE, THE Fayette County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of September as

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN FAYETTE COUNTY

And in so doing urge all Fayette citizens to join us in supporting the research and development of a cure for childhood cancer and to continue to bring awareness of this worthy cause.

So proclaimed this 14th day of August 2014,

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STEVE BROWN, Chairman