Presentation/Recognition #3

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 National Preparedness Month in Fayette County.

Background/History/Details:

Each year, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) promotes preparedness through the recognition of a month where preparedness is the focus of a media campaign.

Each local government, by responding to GEMA's initiative by issuing a proclamation, exhibits the importance of preparation by the citizens in the event of a disaster.

This year, as in previous years, Governor Nathan Deal has designated the month of September as National Preparedness Month.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Proclamation of September 2014 as National Preparedness 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:

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

National Preparedness Month

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Protection of the safety and security of residents is one of the most fundamental responsibilities of government, and every citizen plays an important role in ensuring their own safety in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, Fayette County Government coordinates with state and federal agencies, as well as cities, nonprofit agencies, faith based organizations and businesses to ensure that our communities are prepared in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, Although emergencies are unplanned and can occur at any time, they can be prepared for, by assembling emergency kits, having a plan, and staying informed in an emergency; and

WHEREAS, By preparing in advance, individuals, families, businesses and communities can help protect themselves and take steps to ensure their own safety in an emergency, with simple steps including creating a disaster supply kit, making a family disaster plan, and staying informed; and

WHEREAS, During National Preparedness Month 2014, Fayette County agencies will work within communities to raise awareness of emergency preparedness and steps that individuals can take to be ready in the event of any emergency, giving them the opportunity to learn more about how they can protect themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, The Fayette County Emergency Management Agency along with all other emergency response organization partners urge all residents of our community to utilize the month of September 2014 to prepare for all types of disasters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fayette County Board of Commissioners extends appreciation to all agencies responsible for emergency preparedness for their role in helping protect the lives and safety of Fayette County residents, urges all residents to take steps to prepare themselves for emergencies, and does hereby proclaim September 2014, as "**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH**" in Fayette County, Georgia.

So proclaimed this 28th day of August 2014,

STEVE BROWN, Chairman