COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Board of Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Commissioner David Barlow
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, October 7, 2014	Type of Request:	Proclamation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Proclamation of October 2014 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Fayette County."

Background/History/Details:

The problem of domestic violence is not confined to any group or groups of people, but crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers, and is sustained by societal indifference. This violence ranges from slaps, hits, physical altercations, and sometimes results in death and murder. Children are adversely affected by watching the violence acted out of their parent, and they too can find themselves endangered.

The Promise Place offers a place of refuge and support for those who are affected by domestic violence.

The Fayette County Board of Commissioners will proclaim the month of October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Fayette County" in an effort to bring light to problem and to show victims that there is a place to go for help.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Proclamation of October 2014 as "Domestic Violence 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

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Approved by Finance		Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing		County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval			

Staff Notes:

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Promise Place – Domestic Violence Month

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Promise Place was established in 1987 to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence and their children in both Fayette County and the Griffin Judicial Circuit; and

WHEREAS, Promise Place offers emergency shelter, a 24-hour crisis hotline, crisis intervention, safety planning, legal advocacy, weekly support groups, children programs, emergency needs assistance, and community education services to Fayette, Spalding, Pike and Upson Counties; and

WHEREAS, In addition to serving over 3,000 victims, including children, of domestic violence each year, Promise Place has reached over 2,500 students through their Teen Dating Violence Prevention Program that is taught in 9th grade Health classes; and

WHEREAS, The problem of domestic violence is not confined to any group or groups of people, but crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers, and is sustained by societal indifference; and

WHEREAS, Unhealthy relationships can start early and last a lifetime with approximately 9% of high school students report being hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by a boyfriend or girlfriend; and

WHEREAS, Victims should have help to find the compassion, comfort, and healing they need, and domestic abusers should be punished to the full extent of the law; and

WHEREAS, Victims of violence should have access to medical and legal services, counseling, transitional housing, and other supportive services so that they can escape the cycle of abuse;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, in recognition of the important work done by Promise Place in regards to domestic violence programs and victims, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2014 as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** and in so doing we urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored by Promise Place to work towards the elimination of domestic violence.

So proclaimed this 7th day of October 2014,

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STEVE BROWN, Chairman