COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Fayette County Water System	Presenter(s):	Matt Bergen
Meeting Date:	Thursday, March 26, 2015	Type of Request:	Proclamation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Proclamation of April 2015 as "Safe Digging Month in Fayette County."

Background/History/Details:

Governor Nathan Deal has proclaimed April as "Safe Digging Month" in Georgia.

Safe Digging Month is designed to bring awareness to the damage, loss of service, environmental damage, and threat to public safety caused by those who have not located underground lines prior to digging.

Damage prevention is a shared responsibility. By using safe digging practices, contractors and homeowners in Fayette County can save time and money while keeping everyone's infrastructure safe and connected.

The Federal Communications Commission has designated a "8-1-1" call line that provides contractors and homeowners with a simple number to contract utility operators to request the location of underground lines at the intended dig site.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Proclamation of April 2015 as "Safe Digging Month in Fayette County."

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	Yes	If so, when?	April 2014
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

SAFE DIGGING MONTH

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Thousands of times each year, the underground infrastructure in Georgia is damaged by those who do not have underground lines located prior to digging, resulting in service interruption, environmental damage and threat to public safety; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, the Federal Communications Commission designated 811 to provide contractors and homeowners a simple number to contact utility operators to request the location of underground lines at the intended dig site; and

WHEREAS, The Fayette County Utility Coordinating Committee, a stakeholder-driven organization dedicated to the prevention of damage to underground utilities in Georgia, promotes the National 811 notification System in an effort to reduce these damages; and

WHEREAS, Damage prevention is a shared responsibility by using safe digging practices, the contractors and homeowners of Fayette County can save time, money and help keep our infrastructure safe and connected; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS do hereby proclaim, on behalf of Fayette County, the month of April 2015 as

FAYETTE COUNTY SAFE DIGGING MONTH

and encourage contractors and homeowners throughout Fayette County to always call 811 before digging. Safe digging is no accident!!

So proclaimed this 26th day of March 2015,

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CHARLES W. ODDO, Chairman