COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Board of Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Charles W. Oddo
Meeting Date:	Thursday, March 26, 2015	Type of Request:	Proclamation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Recognition in honor of Christian City's 50th anniversary.

Background/History/Details:

Christian City began in 1961 when a group of concerned citizens from area Christian Churches gathered to discuss certain needs in the community.

Christian City was incorporated in 1962 and opened the first cottage for abused and abandoned children on Valentine's Day, 1965 on 50 acres donated by Dr. and Mrs. Byron Harper.

Since that time, the campus has expanded both in size and scope. There are more than 1,000 residents at Christian City which has now grown to more than 500 acres. Services provided include a Children's Village, a thrift store, four subdivisions of patio homes for seniors in a "life lease" setting, four apartment complexes for seniors on limited incomes, a 200-bed rehabilitation and nursing center, a 200-bed assisted living/personal care home, and two specialty units for victims of Alzheimer's Disease.

The 500-acre Christian City campus is located in Union City and offers services for seniors and a residential home for children. Facilities for seniors represent the second largest active retirement community in the metro Atlanta area. This includes the largest assisted living facility, plus a 5-star nursing and rehab center, recognized in US News & World Report as one of the best in the nation.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Recognition in honor of Christian City's 50th anniversary.

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:

Several representatives from Christian City will attend the meeting to be recognized. Among those planning to attend are Mr. Bob Crutchfield, Mr. Michael Johnston, and Ms. Heidi Becker. County Administrator Steve Rapson serves on the Board for Christian City.

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CHRISTIAN CITY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Christian City is a non-denominational, non-profit, 501(c)3 organization with a mission to minister to the spiritual, physical, social and psychological needs of families, with particular emphasis on children, the aged and infirm, by providing residential, health and social services according to the principles and teachings of the Christian faith; and

WHEREAS, Christian City begin in 1961 when a group of concerned citizens from area Christian Churches gathered to discuss certain needs in the community; and

WHEREAS, In 1965 Christian City opened its first cottage to eight boys on Valentine's Day on 50-acres donated by Dr. and Mrs. Byron Harper; and

WHEREAS, The now 500-acre facility includes a Children's Village, a thrift store, four subdivisions of patio homes for seniors in a "life lease" setting, four apartment complexes for seniors on limited incomes, a 200-bed rehabilitation and nursing center, a 200-bed assisted living/personal care home and two specialty units for victims of Alzheimer's Disease; and

WHEREAS, In February 2015, Christian City celebrated its 50th Anniversary with over 1,000 guest at the Delta Flight Museum at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport; and

WHEREAS, The Fayette County Board of Commissioners is pleased to congratulate Christian City for 50 years of faithful service and its unrelenting effort to see that both children and the aged have enriched and rewarding lives.

NOW THEREFORE, WE, THE FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Christian City and, in keeping with the organization's commitment to provide services and ministries for the betterment of the physical as well as the spiritual needs of people, do hereby urge all citizens to join in celebrating this anniversary milestone and to implement Christian City's motto of "Loving People…Loving People".

So proclaimed this 26th day of March 2015,

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CHARLES W. ODDO, Chairman