COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Board of Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Charles W. Oddo
Meeting Date:	Thursday, April 23, 2015	Type of Request:	Proclamation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Proclamation of the month of April as "National Alcohol Awareness Month" in Fayette County.

Background/History/Details:

Fayette FACTOR and AVPride have asked Fayette County to recognize the month of April as "National Alcohol Awareness Month" in Fayette County.

This proclamation is intended to bring awareness to the dangers associated with alcoholism among the youth and in families with children and teenagers.

This proclamation is also seen as a support of the "social hosting" ordinance passed by Fayette County in 2014.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Proclamation of the month of April as "National Alcohol 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?*	Yes	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 ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, alcohol is a primary factor in the four leading causes of death for young persons in the United Stated ages 10-21; and

WHEREAS, alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in the United States; and

WHEREAS, young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21; and

WHEREAS, more than 7 million children live in a household where at least one parent is dependent on or has abused alcohol; and

WHEREAS, the typical American will see 100,000 beer commercials before he or she turns 18; and

WHEREAS, one in every 12 adults (17.6 million people) suffers from alcohol abuse or dependence; and

WHEREAS, more than half of all adults in the U.S. have a family history of alcoholism or problem drinking; and

WHEREAS, 100,000 persons die each year from alcohol-related causes: drinking and driving crashes, other accidents, falls, fires, alcohol-related homicides and suicides; and

WHEREAS, alcohol-related problems cost America $224 billion ($746 per person) in lost productivity, absenteeism, healthcare costs, crime and family-related problems

NOW THEREFORE, WE THE FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS do hereby proclaim April 23, 2015

NATIONAL ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

and in so doing we urge all citizens to be in support of putting a stop to underage drinking by supporting the Social Host ordinance in Fayette County and education themselves about the importance of ending alcohol abuse.

So proclaimed this 23rd day of April 2015,

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CHARLES W. ODDO, Chairman