COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Board of Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Carol Chandler
Meeting Date:	Thursday, September 10, 2009	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Proclamation recognizing September 17-23, 2009 as "Constitution Week in Fayette County".

Background/History/Details:

The James Waldrop Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, or DAR, has requested a proclamation for National Constitution Week. September 17, 2008 marks the 222nd anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States which was adopted on September 17, 1787.

On April 21, 1955, the DAR adopted its own resolution for Constitution Week. Members of Congress received the resolution and discussed it on June 7, 1955. The first resolution to observe Constitution Week was made by Senator Knowland of California on June 14, 1955, and following the passage of the resolution, President Eisenhower issued a proclamation on August 19, 1955. The observance was so successful Senator Knowland introduced a Senate Joint Resolution for the President to annually designate September 17-23 as Constitution Week which passed passed on July 23 ,1956. On August 2, 1956 the resolution was signed into Public Law.

Ann Eldridge is the Chairwoman of the Constitution Week Committee and will be present, along with other members of the Chapter, to receive the Proclamation.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Present proclamation to members of the James Waldrop Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	Yes	If so, when?	Thursday, September 11, 2008
Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?	No	Back-up Material Submitted?	Yes

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Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	Yes
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	Approved by County Clerk	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes:

Proclamation

"Constitution Week in Fayette County"

WHEREAS, September 17, 2009, marks the Two Hundred Twenty-Second anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary; and to the patriotic celebration which will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS, Members of the James Waldrop Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Fayetteville, Georgia, strive to achieve the goals of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in promoting patriotism, preserving American History, educating Americans young and old, and in serving America and her veterans, past and present; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a Proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week, Now, therefore, we, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA, by virtue of the authority vested in us as the Governing Authority of said Fayette County, do hereby likewise proclaim the week of September 17 through 23, 2009, as

"Constitution Week in Fayette County"

and in doing so ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the Framers of the Constitution in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Fayette to be affixed this 10th day of September of the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Nine.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Jack R. Smith, Chairman