COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Emergency Mgmt. / Public Safety	Presenter(s):	A. McCullough/P. Nelms
Meeting Date:	Thursday, February 10, 2011	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Proclamation for Severe Weather Awareness Week as February 7-11, 2011.

Background/History/Details:

The Fayette County Emergency Management Agency is always available to assist Fayette County citizens in understanding the importance of emergency preparedness and to provide them with the tools necessary to prepare for weather-related or other catastrophic emergencies.

Public Safety Director Allen McCullough will speak.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Proclaim the week of February 7-11, 2011 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Fayette County.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	Yes	If so, when?	Thursday, January 1, 2009
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

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK 2011

WHEREAS, Each year Fayette County faces the threat of severe weather events such as lightning, thunderstorms, floods, flash floods, hailstorms, tornadoes and hurricanes, all potentially dangerous to life, health and property; and

WHEREAS, Urbanization and continued population growth increase the potential for these storms to cause death and destruction; and

WHEREAS, Since this awareness campaign began in 1978, severe weather events in Georgia have killed at least 327 people, including seven in 2010, injured countless others, and caused substantial property damage in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, It is vital that effective public education programs concerning severe weather systems and preparedness procedures continue for the benefit of all Georgians; and

WHEREAS, Departments and agencies of the local, state and federal governments, along with volunteer and professional associations, elected leaders and news media, are committed to informing Georgia citizens about safety and severe weather preparedness procedures so that they may better protect themselves, their families and their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, The State of Georgia has launched *Ready Georgia*, a public awareness campaign to help Georgia's citizens understand the importance of emergency preparedness and provide them with the tools necessary to be prepared in the event of a weather-related or other emergency;

Now, therefore, we the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, do hereby proclaim the week of February 7-11, 2011, as

"SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK IN FAYETTE COUNTY"

and in doing so encourages our citizens to take advantage of opportunities available through the Fayette County Emergency Management Agency to learn the science of weather events and measures that can be taken to protect their families and property when severe weather occurs.

So proclaimed this 10th day of February 2011, by the

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Herbert E. Frady, Chairman