COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Fire and Emergency Services	Presenter(s):	Allen McCullough
Meeting Date:	Thursday, February 9, 2012	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Proclamation from the Board of Commissioners recognizing February 6-10, 2012 as Severe Weather Awareness Week.

Background/History/Details:

Each year the state promotes severe weather awareness through education in the schools and communities to better prepare these groups in the event that severe weather occurs. Thus, Governor Nathan Deal has declared February 6-10, 2012 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Georgia.

Fayette County's Department of Fire and Emergency is very active in promoting overall awareness during periods of potentially server weather and particularly during this particular week each year. The Department assists with education, drills, and the release of information to the various media outlets throughout the community. Our schools participate in the live drill during the week as well as cover the various types of severe that could occur in Georgia.

During Severe Weather Awareness Week, this year's statewide severe weather drill is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8, 2012. On this day the weather warning siren system will present a live test.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Presentation of the Proclamation. Chief McCullough will be present.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

N/A

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	Yes	If so, when?	Annually
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	Yes
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes:

PROCLAMATION

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK 2012

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 350 people, including 23 in 2011, injured more than 173 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 6-10, 2012, 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 9th day of February 2012, by the

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Herbert E. Frady, Chairman