COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Emergency Management	Presenter(s):	M. Allen McCullough
Meeting Date:	Thursday, September 13, 2012	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Proclamation for National Preparedness Month in Fayette County.

Background/History/Details:

Each year, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) promotes preparedness through the recognition of a month where preparedness is the focus of a media campaign.

Each local government, by responding to GEMA's initiative by issuing a proclamation, exhibits the importance of preparation by the citizens in the event of a disaster.

This year, Governor Nathan Deal has designated the month of September as National Preparedness Month.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Proclaim the month of September 2012 as National Preparedness Month in Fayette County, and for the proclamation to be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

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	Yes		

Staff Notes:

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH IN FAYETTE COUNTY

Whereas, Emergencies affect the lives of thousands of people each year throughout the United States and many of Fayette County's citizens; and

Whereas, National Preparedness Month enables every citizen to fulfill their individual responsibilities to learn and be ready for all types of emergencies ranging from house fires to natural disasters to terrorist attacks; and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, along with citizens at all levels from public service to the private sector, are working to prevent and respond to all types of emergencies, and who, by their services, contribute to a level of local, state and national preparedness; and

Whereas, Fayette County's Emergency Management Agency / Office of Homeland Security maintains an ambitious and proactive preparedness campaign which assists its citizens to become better equipped for emergencies; and

Whereas, Fayette County's citizens can follow simple steps such as creating a disaster supply kit, making a family disaster plan, and remaining informed of impending emergencies, in their preparations to be ready in the face of an emergency; and

Whereas, the citizens of Fayette County are encouraged to visit the Ready Georgia website, at www.ready.ga.gov, in order to create personal profiles or to prepare their businesses in the event of an emergency;

Now, therefore, we the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA, do hereby proclaim September 2012 as

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH IN FAYETTE COUNTY

and in doing so the Board thanks all of its first responders, urges all of Fayette County's citizens to recognize their responsibility in emergency preparedness, and encourages everyone to work together in their homes, their businesses, and their communities to ensure safety, security, and preparedness in the event of an emergency.

So proclaimed this 13th Day of September 2012 by the

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Herbert Frady, Chairman