COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Administration	Presenter(s):	Jack Krakeel, County Administrator
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, September 5, 2012	Type of Request:	New Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Proclamation of "Sharpsburg Remembrance Day"

Background/History/Details:

The Sons of Confederate Veterans have requested that the Board of Commissioners issue a proclamation remembering September 17, 2012 as the 150th anniversary of the War between the States, in general, and the Battle of Sharpsburg, Maryland (also referred to as the Battle of Antietam) in particular.

On September 17, 1862, General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia battled with the Union Army of the Potomac. On that day, the State of Maryland was the home of some of the most ferocious fighting of the war. To date, it remains the bloodiest day in America's history. Over 10,000 Confederate soldiers and over 13,000 Union soldiers were killed on this single day. Among the dead and wounded were 52 men and boys from Fayette County. The Fayette Rangers went into battle with twenty men present, and at the end of the day all but two were killed or wounded.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Present the proclamation

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
SHARPSBURG REMEMBRANCE DAY
September 17, 2012

Whereas, Fayette County is located in the State of Georgia, which was one of the thirteen Confederate States engaged in the War Between the States; and

Whereas, During the war, Fayette County had a population of approximately 7,000 people, out of which she sent nearly 1,000 of her sons, constituting of about 14% of her population, into military service for the Confederacy during which 379 soldiers made the ultimate sacrifice; and

Whereas, September 17, 1862 is the bloodiest day in American history when a total of about 23,000 Americans from both sides of the conflict lost their lives at the Battle of Sharpsburg, Maryland; and

Whereas, Fifty-two soldiers from Fayette County were killed or wounded during that battle, marking September 17, 1862 as the bloodiest day in Fayette County's history; and

Whereas, the Southern States, especially Georgia, remember the years of 1861 – 1865 at this 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War; and

Whereas, It is fitting and proper to remember the men of The Fayette Rifle Grays, The Fayette Rangers, The Bethsaida Rifle Guards, The Huie Guards, and The Fayette Planters, whom General Robert E. Lee praised as having "unsurpassed courage and fortitude";

Now, therefore, we, the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2012 as

SHARPSBURG REMEMBRANCE DAY

and in doing so we call on the citizens of Fayette County to observe this day with quiet reflection and respect for those who fought so hard, and for those who lost their lives, for their beliefs, their homes, and their families during this difficult period in our nation's history.

So proclaimed this 13th day of September 2012 by the

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

Herbert Frady, Chairman