COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Thursday, April 25, 2013	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Proclamation of May 2013 as "Foster Care Month" and the week of May 13 - 17, 2013 as "Foster Parent Appreciation Week".

Background/History/Details:

See attached Proclamation.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Proclamation of May 2013 as "Foster Care Month" and the week of May 13 - 17, 2013 as "Foster Parent Appreciation Week".

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			

Staff Notes:

PROCLAMATION

FOSTER PARENT MONTH

WHEREAS, Families are the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support for children and youth who represent the future of our communities; and

WHEREAS, Today, the State of Georgia is providing foster care to 7,000 children, some of whom are placed in the homes of relatives; and

WHEREAS, Foster families across the state who have opened their homes and extended loved and security to these children and have supported their birth families in meeting the goals necessary to reunify parent and their children; and

WHEREAS, The State of Georgia has a need for more foster parents for children so that they may have a safe, secure and stable living environment; and

WHEREAS, Foster families give of themselves to provide a valuable society benefit and a loving home to children in need; and

WHEREAS, Numerous private and public social service agencies work to increase public awareness of the needs of foster children in Georgia and the role that we must play in addressing this community responsibility; and

WHEREAS, The month of May is recognized as National Foster Care Month;

Now, therefore, we, the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2013 as

"FOSTER CARE MONTH"

AND THE WEEK OF May 13 through May 17, 2013 as

"FOSTER PARENT APPRECIATION WEEK"

In Fayette County, and in doing so we urge our citizens to volunteer their talents and energies on behalf of children in foster care, foster parents and professional foster care program staff.

So proclaimed this 25th day of April 2013

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FAYETTE, COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Steve Brown, Chairman