COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Thursday, October 24, 2013	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Proclamation of November 2013 as Epilepsy Awareness Month in Fayette County.

Background/History/Details:

The Epilepsy Foundation of Georgia is raising epilepsy awareness throughout many counties and municipalities throughout the State.

A proclamation raising awareness of epilepsy will be presented at the Board of Commissioners meeting.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Proclamation of November 2013 as Epilepsy Awareness Month in Fayette County.

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:

Mrs. Claudia Woodruff and Mrs. Susan Dean will accept this proclamation on behalf of the Epilepsy Foundation of Georgia.

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ABOUT EFGA

Mission Statement: The Epilepsy Foundation of Georgia leads the fight to stop seizures, find a cure and overcome challenges created by epilepsy.

The Epilepsy Foundation of Georgia (EFGA) is the only health agency in Georgia dedicated to serving the nearly 150,000 Georgians who have epilepsy/seizure disorders statewide. The foundation seeks to improve the quality of life for people with epilepsy and their families through community education activities for all age levels and comprehensive set of client service programs. The foundation also reaches out to the community at large to reduce the stigma that is often attached to epilepsy and educate the public on seizure recognition/first aid. EFGA provides the following programs and services:

- **Educational Programs**

EFGA provides free educational in-services on seizure recognition/first aid at schools, daycare centers, developmental disability facilities, senior centers and in the workplace.

- **Support Groups**

Living with a chronic condition is easier when you can share with others who are in a similar situation. The EFGA has 3 support groups meeting on a monthly basis throughout the state. We also offer online e-communities for those with transportation issues

- **Information and Referrals**

Understanding epilepsy can help to reduce fear and anxiety. We have a wide variety of materials on topics concerning epilepsy including types of epilepsy, treatment options, educational/legal rights and information for caregivers. We can also provide referrals to epilepsy specialists or other agencies that might provide a service not covered by EFGA.

- **Emergency Medication Fund**

Often people with epilepsy have no insurance coverage and limited financial resources. The EFGA has an emergency medication fund which will provide a one month supply of the seizure control medications per patient per calendar year. Patients are then provided with assistance in enrolling in one of the drug company sponsored medication assistance programs.

- **Camps**

All children should have the opportunity to enjoy the experience of summer camp. EFGA offers camps which are staffed with counselors trained in seizure recognition/first aid, and also a full-time medical staff. We also provide camp scholarships for children whose families have limited financial resources.

- **Advocacy**

Often times people with epilepsy face barriers in the workplace, in educational institutions and in the legal arena. EFGA works to advise its clients of their rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act and other laws. We also advocate for increased funding of epilepsy research through the National Institutes of Health.

To learn more, call (800) 527-7105 or email epilepsy@epilepsyga.org.

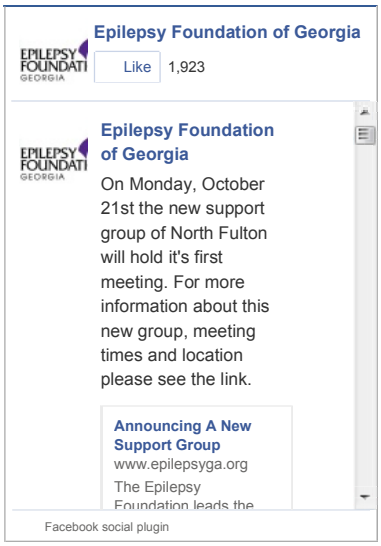
Email Tweet

Taste of Love

2/8 On Saturday, February 8, 2014 the Epilepsy Foundation of Georgia will present its signature fundraising gala, the Taste of Love, an elegant black tie event held at the Ritz Carlton - Buckhead. The Taste of Love features gourmet dining, premium wine pairings, extraordinary live entertainment, a top notch silent and live auction, and the chance to dance the night away. Ticket information will be available soon.

Magnolia Run

8/23 The 2014 Magnolia Run and Walk for Epilepsy will be held at Perimeter Mall on August 23rd. More information and registrations information will be available soon.



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PROCLAMATION

EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Epilepsy is a neurological condition characterized by recurrent, unprovoked seizures; and

WHEREAS, Epilepsy and seizures affect three million people across the United States, including many children and adults in Fayette County, who are diagnosed with recurring seizures; and

WHEREAS, Epilepsy is the third most common neurological disorder among adults after Alzheimer's disease and stroke; and

WHEREAS, There are 200,000 new cases of epilepsy diagnosed each year and of those cases, 45,000 are children under the age of 15 that develop epilepsy; and

WHEREAS, Ten percent of the American population will experience a seizure in their lifetime and three percent will develop epilepsy by the age of 75; and

WHEREAS, Currently, there is not a cure for epilepsy, many of those diagnosed with epilepsy can control their seizures with modern medication and surgical techniques; and

WHEREAS, People with epilepsy continue to face social stigmatization and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, National Epilepsy Awareness Month is designated to increase the awareness of this disorder in an effort to encourage more Americans to understand the effects of epilepsy;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS do hereby proclaim the month of November 2013 as

Epilepsy Awareness Month in Fayette County

and in so doing we urge all Fayette's citizens to learn more about the symptoms and treatment of seizures, to better understand epilepsy, and to encourage and support the many individuals, families, and communities who are impacted.

So Proclaimed this 24th Day of October 2013

FAYETTE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Steve Brown, Chairman