COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Board of Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Commissioner David Barlow
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, March 11, 2014	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Proclamation recognizing Congregation B'nai Israel and its contribution to the Fayette County community.

Background/History/Details:

See attached proclamation.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Proclamation recognizing Congregation B'nai Israel and its contribution to the Fayette County community.

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:

CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

A Proclamation

WHEREAS, On January 27, 2014, the members of Congregation B'nai Israel celebrated Martin Luther King Day by welcoming the African American and broader Christian community to hear Lecia Brooks, of the Civil Rights Memorial Center and the Southern Poverty Law Center to speak on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and on January 25, 2014 Congregation B'nai Israel will be hosting its Annual Dance Fundraiser at Tyrone Depot to raise funds for its community outreach and social action programs; and

WHEREAS, Thirty-two years ago, Congregation B'nai Israel was established to serve the Jewish Community in Fayette County and the surrounding area, holding Friday night and High Holy Day services at a local church for the first 21 years, and in September 2002 the Congregation built its permanent home on Highway 54 West in Fayetteville; and

WHEREAS, Congregation B'nai Israel continues to grow here in Fayette County providing a meaningful place to worship and to celebrate the life events of its members, while also providing education on religious and social issues to its members and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, Congregation B'nai Israel families have been part of our community for many years, owning and operating businesses, serving in government and the military, working as teachers, lawyers, and social workers, as doctors and other health care professionals, and in the airline industry as pilots, flight attendants, and other vital capacities, while being active in the volunteer sector providing food to help fight hunger, clothing and gifts for underprivileged children, and support for the unemployed and the homeless, and have married, brought up their families, and been an integral part of our community for many decades.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, hereby recognize Congregation B'nai Israel for providing a nurturing environment for the Jewish community and its congregants in Fayette County, for the efforts of the Congregation's adults and children to make the work a better place for the less fortunate based upon the teachings of the Torah, the Five Books of Moses known as the Old Testament and the key tenant of Judaism, Tikkun Olam meaning "repairing the world". The Board further commends Congregation B'nai Israel for its dedication to the larger faith-based community south of Atlanta working closely with churches, mosques, and other synagogues to commemorate events such as Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Fourth of July, Holocaust Remembrance, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, among other special occasions that link us all together as one community.

So Proclaimed this 11th Day of March 2014

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Steve Brown, Chairman