Presentation/Recognition #1

COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Thursday, April 10, 2014	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Proclamation of April 2014 as "Prevent Child Abuse Month."

Background/History/Details:

Fayette FACTOR, working in cooperation with the Fayette County Board of Commissioners, will proclaim April 2014 as "Prevent Child Abuse Month." In doing so, the Board of Commissioners would like to recognize the organizations that work to keep children safe. Those organizations are the Department of Family and Children Services, Advo-kids CASA, Bloom and FACTOR PCA for the training being provided to the school system to train all employees on child sexual abuse prevention.

FACTOR PCA is holding a benefit dinner on April 22, 2014 to raise $5,000.00 in remaining funds needed to be able to complete training at no cost for all 2,300 employees but also to pay for facilitator training for 10 school personnel in order for them to sustain the training efforts.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Proclamation of April 2014 as "Prevent Child Abuse Month."

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?	No

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Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval			

Staff Notes:

Fayette County is proud to stand with its non-profit partners to safeguard the responsibility of keeping all children safe from abuse.

PROCLAMATION

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE MONTH

WHEREAS, Child abuse is one of the most pressing family, health, and social problems currently within the United States, including an average of 200 reports of child abuse per day in Georgia alone; and

WHEREAS, The Fayette Alliance Coordinating Teamwork, Outreach and Resources (FACTOR) is part of the statewide Georgia Family Connection Network whose mission is to serve as a catalyst for improving results for Georgia children, families and communities, whose goals are unified and whose strategies are locally driven; and

WHEREAS, Fayette FACTOR, along with the Georgia Family Connection Network, strive to meet the goals of ensuring that all kids are healthy, that they are ready to start and excel in school, and that they are able to provide stable and self-sufficient families of their own; and

WHEREAS, Prevent Child Abuse (PCA) Fayette is a program of Fayette FACTOR with a mission to educate children and adult in identifying and preventing child abuse; and

WHEREAS, Fayette FACTOR and Prevent Child Abuse are part of a statewide Prevention Initiative to train five percent of the adult population in each county in Georgia to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse, to remove the topic of child sexual abuse from the shroud of fear, intimidation, and denial to a topic that is openly discussed in an ongoing effort to protect children, and in so doing reducing the occurrence of child sexual abuse; and

WHEREAS, Fayette FACTOR and Prevent Child Abuse works alongside other governmental and non-profit organizations including the Department of Family and Children Services, Advo-kids CASA, and Bloom in an effort to train all employees in the school system on child abuse prevention; and

WHEREAS, Fayette FACTOR and Prevent Child Abuse will hold its 5th Annual Benefit Dinner on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 in order to raise awareness of the issue of child abuse and community responsibility as well as to raise needed funds to provided Stewards of Children Child Sexual Abuse Prevention training to all 2,500 Fayette County School employees, as well as well as train an additional 1,500 adults that work with children in all areas of society;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS do hereby proclaim the Month of April 2014 as

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE MONTH

and in doing so we urge all citizens to support local and governmental agencies who work tirelessly to eliminate child abuse in Fayette County and in all of Georgia's counties. We furthermore extend our heartfelt appreciation to our local agencies, their employees and volunteers, who diligently work to protect the children of our community.

So Proclaimed this 10th Day of April 2014

FAYETTE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Steve Brown, Chairman