Presentation / Recognition #3

COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Board of Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Thursday, April 24, 2014	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Proclamation of May 2014 as "Foster Care Month," and the week of May 12-18,2014 as "Foster Parent Appreciation Week."

Background/History/Details:

Ms. Susan Boggs, Director of Fayette County's Department of Family and Children Services, has asked for Fayette County to proclaim May 2014 as "Foster Care Month," and the week of May 12-18, 2014 as "Foster Parent Appreciation Week."

Please refer to the attached proclamation for further information.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Proclamation of May 2014 as "Foster Care Month," and the week of May 12-18,2014 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:

A PROCLAMATION

National Foster Care Month

WHEREAS: Families are the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support for children and youth, and they are the foundation of our communities; and

WHEREAS: Today the State of Georgia is providing foster care for over 14,000 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 love and security to these children and have supported their birth families in meeting the goals necessary to reunify parents and their children; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia has a need for more foster homes for children so they may have a safe, secure and stable living environment. Foster families give of themselves to provide a valuable societal 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

THEREFORE: We, Fayette County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 2014 as FOSTER CARE MONTH and May 12th-18th, 2014 as FOSTER PARENT APPRECIATION WEEK in Fayette County and urge our citizens to volunteer their talents and energies on behalf of children in foster care, foster parents and professional foster care program staff.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand nine.