COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Board of Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Matt Bergen, Fayette County Water
Meeting Date:	Thursday, April 24, 2014	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Proclamation of April 2014 as "Safe Digging Month in Fayette County."

Background/History/Details:

Governor Nathan Deal has proclaimed April as "Safe Digging Month" in Georgia.

Safe Digging Month is designed to bring awareness to the damage, loss of service, environmental damage, and threat to public safety caused by those who have not located underground lines prior to digging.

Damage prevention is a shared responsibility. By using safe digging practices, contractors and homeowners in Fayette County can save time and money while keeping everyone's infrastructure safe and connected.

In an effort to facilitate safe digging practices, the Federal Communications Commissioner 811; a number that provides contractors and homeowners with a simple number to contract utility operators to request the location of underground lines at the intended dig site.

An online resource site has been developed and can be accessed at: www.georgia811.com/digsafelymonth.aspx.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Proclamation of April 2014 as "Safe Digging 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

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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:

WHEREAS,

Thousands of times each year, the underground infrastructure in Georgia is damaged by those who do not have underground lines located prior to digging, resulting in service interruption, environmental damage and threat to public safety, and;

WHEREAS,

In 2005, the Federal Communications Commission designated 811 to provide contractors and homeowners a simple number to contact utility operators to request the location of underground lines at the intended dig site, and:

WHEREAS,

The Fayette County Utility Coordinating Committee, a stakeholder-driven organization dedicated to the prevention of damage to underground utilities in Georgia, promotes the National 811 Notification System in an effort to reduce these damages, and;

WHEREAS,

Damage prevention is a shared responsibility; by using safe digging practices, the contractors and homeowners of Fayette County can save time, money and help keep our infrastructure safe and connected, and;

THEREFORE,

I do hereby proclaim, on behalf of Fayette County, the month of April 2014 as;

Fayette County Safe Digging Month

And encourage contractors and homeowners throughout Fayette County to always call 811 before digging. Safe digging is no accident!!

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