Proclamation/Recognition #1

COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Board of Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Thursday, September 25, 2014	Type of Request:	Proclamation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Recognition of the 200th Anniversary of the United States' National Anthem: The Star Spangled Banner.

Background/History/Details:

On September 13, 1814, British warships began raining shells and rockets onto Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor. This bombardment of the American fort lasted for 25 hours, and eventually came to be known as the Battle of Baltimore. This battle was at a low-point in the war against Great Britain. Weeks earlier, British troops had entered into Washington D.C. and burned the United States Capitol, the Treasury building, and the President's house.

A week before the Battle of Baltimore, lawyer Francis Scott Key boarded the British flagship in an effort to have a recently arrested friend released. While successful in his efforts, Mr. Key was not allowed off the ship since he learned of the impending attack of Baltimore. He watched from eight miles away as the bombing of Fort McHenry began. Despite all certainty that the British forces would win the day; when the battle concluded the Stars and Stripes, not the Union Jack, remained flying over the beleaguered fort. Mr. Key penned the words of the National Anthem during and after the battle, and in so doing he rallied the American spirit and inspired all American patriots for the following two hundred years.

The Fayette County Board of Commissioners has requested the presence of the McIntosh High School girls chorus to perform the National Anthem in recognition of its bicentennial.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Recognition of the 200th Anniversary of the United States' National Anthem: The Star Spangled Banner. The McIntosh High School Girls Chorus will sing the National Anthem.

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: