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COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department/Division: Commissioners

Department Head: Carol Chandler

Presenter, if needed: Carol Chandler

Preferred Meeting Date: September 25, 2008

Wording for the Agenda:

Proclamation recognizing October 8, 2008 as Honor Flight Fayette Day in Fayette County.

Background/History/Details:

Gail Sparrow, President of the Honor Flight Fayette, has asked to be placed on the 9/25 Agenda. She wants to publicly thank the emergency personnel from Fayette County for their participation in the May 14th trip. She would like to invite the public to show their appreciation to our Veterans by seeing the World War II Veterans off on their Honor Flight trip on the morning of October 8th.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Present Proclamation

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past? Yes

If so, when? April 24, 2008

Do you need audio-visual for the presentation? No

Back-up Material Submitted? No

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Approved by Finance? Yes

Reviewed by Legal?

Approved by Purchasing? Yes

Approved by Administrative Staff? Yes

Staff Notes

Administrator's Approval Yes

Confirmed Meeting Date September 25, 2008

- (●) Recognition/ Presentation
- ( ) Public Hearing
- ( ) Old Business
- ( ) New Business
- ( ) Consent
- ( ) Report
- ( ) Other

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PROCLAMATION
"HONOR FLIGHT FAYETTE DAY"

Whereas, Honor Flight Fayette Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization created to recognize and pay homage to our local World War II Veterans in appreciation for their great sacrifices and faithful service to our Country; and

Whereas, Honor Flight Fayette is a part of the National Honor Flight Network which founded in 2004 to honor Veterans throughout America, with their primary goal to fly veterans to Washington , D.C. to visit their war memorials, particularly World War II Veterans; and

Whereas, Because Honor Flight recognizes that our nation is losing World War II veterans at a rate of 1200 per day and that sadly, most of them will never have had the opportunity to visit their National Memorial in Washington because it was not built until 2004, Honor Flight Fayette has taken on the urgent mission of honoring local World War II Veterans by providing them cost-free flights to visit their National Memorial; and

Whereas, On October 8, 2008, Honor Flight Fayette will host its second flight to Washington, providing 75 veterans of the greatest generation with an opportunity to visit the National World War II Memorial and to spend the day as "Guests of Honor", and to talk and share memories of service and sacrifice for our Great Nation;

Now, therefore, we, the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, are hereby proud to proclaim October 8, 2008,

"HONOR FLIGHT FAYETTE DAY"

and in doing so we thank the founders of Honor Flight Fayette who selflessly initiated this effort that will mean so much to so many in our community; and further, though words cannot adequately express the gratitude, admiration and respect we hold for the Veterans who will participate in the history-making second flight to Washington on October 8, we wish this band of brothers and sisters a day of camaraderie, sharing, and tribute in recognition of a willingness to serve and sacrifice those many years ago that protected our Homeland, preserved our freedom, and reinforced America's position as the Greatest Nation in all the World.

So proclaimed this 25th day of September, 2008, by the

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Jack R. Smith, Chairman