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GLYNN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: December 4, 2025

SPONSOR: R. Vakulich

ITEM TYPE: Recognition

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA - General Business

AGENDA LANGUAGE: Authorize the Chairman to sign the attached proclamation recognizing February 3, 2026, as Four Chaplains Day in Glynn County. (R. Vakulich)

BACKGROUND:

This proclamation recognizes February 3, 2026, as Four Chaplains Day in Glynn County. On February 3, 1943, the U.S. Army Transport Ship *Dorchester* was torpedoed by an enemy submarine off the coast of Greenland during World War II. Of the 902 individuals onboard, 672 lost their lives.

Among those aboard were four Army chaplains—Lt. George L. Fox, Lt. Alexander D. Goode, Lt. John P. Washington, and Lt. Clark V. Poling—who became symbols of extraordinary courage and selfless devotion. In the final moments of the sinking vessel, the chaplains comforted passengers, offered prayers, and gave away their own life jackets, ultimately sacrificing their lives so others might live. Their actions left a lasting legacy of unity, faith, and heroism.

In 1957, Congress declared February 3rd of each year a day to honor the Four Chaplains and all who perished aboard the *Dorchester*. This proclamation continues that tradition by encouraging Glynn County

citizens to reflect on the chaplains' sacrifice and to honor their example through acts of service and goodwill.

ATTACHMENTS:

[2026 Four Chaplins Day.pdf](#)