DEPARTMENT: Human Services/BHRS

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

It is respectfully requested that your Board: (1) approve the First 5 Resolution opposing any efforts to reprogram the funds allocated by the voters for First 5 to resolve the budget crisis of the State of California.; and (2) authorize your Chairman to sign the Resolution.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Please see attachment.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Please see attachment.

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded

Amount in Budget: $__________

Additional Funding Needed: $__________

Source:

Internal Transfer

Unanticipated Revenue ______ 4/5's vote

Transfer Between Funds ______ 4/5's vote

Contingency ______ 4/5's vote

( ) General ( ) Other

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CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: Ord. No. ______

Vote - Ayes: ______ Noes: ______

Absent: ______

Approved ( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: ______

Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: ____________________________

Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

( ) Requested Action Recommended

( ) No Opinion

Comments: ____________________________

CAO: ____________________________

Revised Dec. 2002
MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NUMBER 08-357

A Resolution Opposing any Efforts to Reprogram the Funds Allocated by the Voters for FIRST 5 to Resolve the Budget Crisis of the State of California

WHEREAS, the First 5 years of life establish a foundation for the future success of children and their ability to reach their full potential, and it is our responsibility to provide them with the best possible start; and

WHEREAS, FIRST 5 and its independent county commissions were established in 1998 by the voters of California through Proposition 10, a tax on tobacco, to provide for the development of programs that focus on early child development in the areas of health, education and safety; and

WHEREAS, FIRST 5 Mariposa has faithfully served the children and families of Mariposa by creating and supporting a wide range of grants that are critical for their children, thereby providing health care for expectant mothers, high quality early childhood education, school readiness programs, outreach and support for special needs children, and safety and prevention services; and

WHEREAS, FIRST 5 Mariposa is a catalyst that brings together the rural and isolated areas of Mariposa to provide resources, transportation and services for families, with quality programs tailored for the needs of Mariposa County children; and

WHEREAS, FIRST 5 Mariposa works with organizations, agencies, businesses, and schools on behalf of the welfare of children from the prenatal stage through age 5; and

WHEREAS, the unique areas that are without services and transportation in Mariposa demand and need local control and local solutions to issues that affect young children and their families; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that FIRST 5 Mariposa retain its ability to receive and distribute Mariposa’s fair share of revenue generated by the tobacco tax and carry out the will of the people of California who approved Proposition 10; and

WHEREAS, the possible reprogramming of this funding to resolve the State's budget crisis will result in a tremendous loss for California’s FIRST 5 programs and future of California’s youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mariposa Board of Supervisors, a political subdivision of the State of California, opposes any efforts to reprogram the funds allocated by the voters for FIRST 5 to resolve the budget crisis of the State of California.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 5th day of August, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: ABORN, TURPIN, BIBBY, FRITZ, PICKARD
NOES: NONE
EXCUSED: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

LYLE TURPIN, Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

THOMAS P. GUARINO, County Counsel
August 5, 2008

TO: Members; Board of Supervisors
Richard Benson, CAO
FROM: Jim Rydingsword
RE: First 5 Resolution

Recommendation

It is respectfully requested that your Board: (1) approve the First 5 Resolution opposing any efforts to reprogram the funds allocated by the voters for First 5 to resolve the budget crisis of the State of California; and (2) authorize your Chairman to sign the Resolution.

Background/Current Situation

The first five years of life establish a foundation for the future success of children and their ability to reach their full potential and it is our responsibility to provide them with the best possible start. It is critical that First 5 Mariposa retain its ability to receive and distribute Mariposa’s fair share of revenue generated by the tobacco tax and carry out the will of the people of California who approved Proposition 10.

The possible reprogramming of this funding to resolve the State’s budget crisis will result in a tremendous loss for California’s First 5 programs and future of California’s youth. Therefore, the Mariposa Board of Supervisors opposes any efforts to reprogram the funds allocated by the voters for First 5 to resolve the budget crisis of the State of California.

If the Board adopts this recommendation, your position will be consistent with the California State Association of Counties position that any proposed takebacks that can directly or indirectly result in further harm or cuts to common clients and the programs we directly represent should be opposed.

Financial

There is no impact to general fund dollars.