RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-18

MEETING: January 14, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor

RE: First 5 of Mariposa and First 5 of California - 15Th Anniversary

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a Resolution Recognizing First 5 Mariposa and First 5 California on Celebrating their 15th Anniversary of Providing Children with Solid Foundations and Strong Futures (Jeane Hetland, Director.)

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has adopted similar Resolutions of Recognition.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

ATTACHMENTS:
First 5 - fifteen years (DOCX)

CAO RECOMMENDATION

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Janet Bibby, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: John Carrier, District V Supervisor
AYES: Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier
MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NUMBER 14-18

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FIRST 5 MARIPOSA AND FIRST 5 CALIFORNIA ON CELEBRATING THEIR 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROVIDING CHILDREN WITH SOLID FOUNDATIONS AND STRONG FUTURES

WHEREAS, fifteen years ago this month, voters in California affirmed their support for a guaranteed revenue stream dedicated to the State’s youngest children and passed Proposition 10, the California Children and Families Act; and

WHEREAS, the statewide program is now known as First 5 due to the tremendous importance of the first five years of a child’s life; and

Whereas, First 5 Commissions across the State are charged with responding to local needs and investing in local programs and/or agencies to improve the lives of young children prenatal through age 5; and

WHEREAS, the value of early childhood investments has been well-documented for individuals and for society in the form of better health outcomes, higher economic productivity; and

WHEREAS, over the last 15 years, First 5 Mariposa has invested $3,885,919 to create effective and essential services that help Mariposa’s children grow up healthy, nurtured, and ready for school. These investments have:

- Improved the quality of training and education for child care providers and preschool teachers.
- Provided high-quality preschools for children and preparing them for kindergarten.
- Supported home visitation services to help expectant mothers by, making referrals as needed, and assisting them in breast-feeding and infant care.
- Affirmed local child care providers as they help to meet the developmental needs of children and serve working families.
- Provided child developmental assessments, and health and dental screenings for children throughout Mariposa County.
- Provided dental services and care for children with severe dental disease whose families did not have financial means or support.
- Supported countywide partnerships to address issues such as universal preschool, family economic security, child obesity, the hazards of smoking, and the effects of domestic violence on young children; and

WHEREAS, First 5 has been unprecedented in investing in California’s children and their families by being the most effectual and successful funder of young children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County recognize that First 5 will continue to provide children with solid foundations and strong futures by partnering with the elected officials and County leaders to create a community where all children enter kindergarten ready to learn at their highest potential, have access to comprehensive health and dental care, and receive every opportunity to thrive.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County this 14th day of January, 2014, by unanimous vote.

LEE STETSON, District I Supervisor

MERLIN JONES, District II Supervisor

JANET BIBBY, District III Supervisor

KEVIN CANN, District IV Supervisor

JOHN CARRIER, District V Supervisor