RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Recommend Resolution authorizing the Chair to sign Declaration of Intent not to contract for Emergency Medical Services Appropriation (EMSA) Fiscal Year 2004-2005.

This Declaration of Intent (DOI) is annually executed and allows for the reimbursement of unpaid emergency services to physicians. Physicians eligible to receive these monies are those who are not paid on an employee or contractual basis at an Emergency Room and who depend upon reimbursement for services.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Historically, Mariposa County has not contracted to administer these funds for many years. The Health Department found the administration to be time consuming and costly to the County.

It is our understanding that physicians in Mariposa County, for the most part, are not eligible for any of these funds.

By declaring our intent “not to contract”, the State will continue to administer these funds for Mariposa County.

The DOI enables the State to contract directly with local physicians and disburse available funds to reimburse local physicians for unpaid emergency medical care provided.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

1. Direct the Health Officer to sign the Intent not to apply.
2. Direct the Health Officer to apply for and administer the EMSA Appropriation.