A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
NORM ROSS
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS A SERGEANT
IN THE MARIPOSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, NORM ROSS was born in Los Angeles, California on January 16, 1942. He attended and graduated from Eagle Rock High School in 1959 and continued his education by attending Glendale Community College and Cal State Los Angeles. In January, 1960 NORM joined the Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, NORM married his life-long companion, Donna on May 5, 1962 and later had four children Michelle, Kimberlee, Linda and Ryan; and

WHEREAS, NORM began his law enforcement career in February, 1963 as a Police Officer for the Los Angeles Police Department, working various assignments in Patrol, Vice, Special Problems Unit, Traffic Division and as Assistant Watch Commander; and

WHEREAS, NORM retired from the Los Angeles Police Department in February, 1983 to become a telephone installer, an automotive mechanic, and owner of his own business, Arrow Saw Incorporated in Southern California; and

WHEREAS, NORM could not stay away from his love of Law Enforcement. He moved to Mariposa County and was hired on October 1, 1985, as the Resident Deputy in North County, creating a partnership between the Sheriff’s Office and the community by sharing in the delivery of police services with the residents. Norm is considered their “Chief of Police”; and

WHEREAS, NORM was promoted to Sergeant on November 1, 1986. His evaluations state, “NORM epitomizes the word professional”, “Sergeant Ross is a Sergeant his deputies can depend on anytime day or night”, and “When it comes to intervention and prevention, NORM establishes a standard that is unmatched in the department”; and

WHEREAS, NORM teaches residents the proper handling and use of concealed weapons, instructs hunter safety classes for the youth of Mariposa County - assuring safe handling of guns and has given countless hours in support of the youth in Mariposa County; and

WHEREAS, NORM during the past eighteen years has protected the North County residents by providing “around the clock service”, operating all incident commands during major fires, incidences and evacuations in North County during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, NORM is a pro-active member of this agency as well as a leader. He was a major contributor to the Department’s Value Statement, “We respect and recognize the integrity and dignity of all individuals. We dedicate ourselves to the performance of our duty under the Constitution, God and to the Public we serve”; and

WHEREAS, NORM is a father figure/mentor to those that need assistance and guidance either in the community or the department, he treats all people equally and with respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereby recognizes and commends NORM ROSS for his outstanding service to Mariposa County:

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County this 8th day of July 2003, by unanimous vote.

LEE STETSON, District I Supervisor

DOUG BALMAIN, District II Supervisor

JANET BIBBY, District III Supervisor

GARRY B. PARKER, District IV Supervisor

BOB PICKARD, District V Supervisor