RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, State of California, that:

WHEREAS, the Forest Service, USDA, has prepared a program for the National Forests designed to meet national renewable resource needs; and

WHEREAS, this program provides for 25 to 30 million acres of National Forest Wilderness, 100 million visitor days of recreation use, 20 million animal unit months of livestock grazing, over 20 billion board feet of timber production, more good quality water and greatly improved conditions for wildlife by 2020; and,

WHEREAS, no one output target can be increased substantially without affecting other outputs; and,

WHEREAS, the sum total of all areas presently classified as Wilderness, or Primitive Areas awaiting reclassification as Wilderness, and of new Wilderness Study Areas established in 1973 provides sufficient acreage to meet the 2020 Wilderness goal of the national program for the National Forests; and,

WHEREAS, many of the present areas classified as wilderness are being allowed to deteriorate to an unrecognizable state; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is now greatly expanding the inventory of National Forest land which may be considered for additional Wilderness classification; and

WHEREAS, approximately half of the commercial forest land in California is administered by the Forest Service, USDA; and,

WHEREAS, 15 percent of the land in Mariposa County is in National Forest; and,

WHEREAS, the sale of timber from National Forest land provides jobs for Mariposa County citizens and provides 8 percent of the school and 23 percent of the road budgets; and,
WHEREAS, additional withdrawals of commercial forest land from production could affect adversely the economies of California and Mariposa County; and,

WHEREAS, all the designated areas in Mariposa County are capable of sustained yields of timber, and have vast mineral development potential; and,

WHEREAS, one area of the County contains a power site being investigated by the Mariposa County Water Agency in connection with the development of a Mariposa County Water Plan; and,

WHEREAS, smaller timber sales in the Forest Service lands provide contractors for the private timber owner enabling them to sell their production; and,

WHEREAS, other resource values, including recreating, grazing, managed water yields and wildlife habitat improvement would be affected adversely by such withdrawals;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa stands opposed to the selection of additional California National Forest land for possible inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa is unalterably opposed to the inclusion into Wilderness of any area within Mariposa County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa this 2nd day of May, 1978, by the following vote:

AYES: Clark, Long, Dalton, Owings, Weber
NOES: None
NOT VOTING: None
ABSENT: None

ATTEST: [Signature]