WHEREAS the National Forest timber harvest provide critically needed employment opportunities and income to the citizens and the County of Mariposa, as well as housing materials and other wood products locally and to the nation, and

WHEREAS the harvesting of national forest timber is a major industry contributing substantially to the local economy of Mariposa County, and

WHEREAS the local timber harvesting industry has historically been widely diversified and unique in its ability to provide for standard, as well as custom harvesting and milling techniques serving a wide variety of local and national needs, and

WHEREAS good management of national forest timber resources as well as prudent cost effective benefits required the local availability of large and small timber harvesting and milling operators to systematically and economically convert the timber yield to a consumer product, and

WHEREAS small and large timber harvest operators within our communities are absolutely essential to protect and service a healthy and vigorous timber resource, and

WHEREAS a commitment of the Standard Component Inventory designed to provide opportunities to both large and small timber harvesting and milling operators would be a major factor in assuring their continued contribution to the local and national economy, and

WHEREAS President Carter has recognized the need to make more timber available from the public forests to ease the inflation
problems of the nations, and

WHEREAS one-third of the Sierra National Forest - the Standard
Component - is classified as suitable for commercial timber produc-
tion without unsurmountable environmental problems and is not
reserved for other management objectives, and

WHEREAS that one-third of the forest supports 11 billion board
feet of saw timber, double the volume needed in a fully managed
forest to produce the planned harvest for the distant future, and

WHEREAS the current net timber growth in said one-third of
the forest is less than a third of the potential growth therein and
there is great loss through decay, mortality of overmature timber,
and insect infestation, and

WHEREAS the small timber harvest operator can provide the
specialized services required to salvage the loss due to decay,
insect infestation, and overmature timber in isolated or pocket
areas:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary of Agriculture
is respectfully and strongly urged to make available to local
industry, both large and small, and the nation's wood consumers
half of the excess timber in the Standard Component of the Sierra
National Forest over the next twenty (20) years in addition to the
currently planned harvest by regularly scheduling for annual sale
170 million board feet of timber.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution with a
respectful request for supporting action be sent to the Honorable
U.S. Senators S. I. Hayakawa and Alan Cranston and to U. S.
Representatives B. F. Sisk and John Krebs.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County
of Mariposa this 13th day of June, 1978, by the following vote:

AYES: Long, Clark, Owings, Dalton, Weber

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

NOT VOTING: None

CARROLL N. CLARK, Chairman
Board of Supervisors
County of Mariposa

ATTEST:

ELLEN BRONSON, County Clerk and
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board