RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a Resolution designating the Mariposa County Arts Council as the Mariposa County authorized partner to the California Arts Council.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Annually, the Board has taken this action.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes (X) No  Current FY Cost: $  Annual Recurring Cost: $
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $  List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: $  Pg 1 - Letter from the Mariposa Arts Council
Source:
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue  4/5's vote
Transfer Between Funds  4/5's vote
Contingency  4/5's vote
( ) General  ( ) Other  Pg. 2 - Formal Resolution
Pg. 3 and 4 - Letter from the California Arts Council

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 35435  Ord. No. _____
Vote – Ayes: 5  Noes: _____
Absent: _____
Approved  ( ) Minute Order Attached  ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date: ______
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: ______
Deputy

Revised Dec. 2002
May 4, 2005

Margie Williams, Clerk of the Board
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors
P.O. Box 784
Mariposa CA 95338

RE: Resolution to Designate the Mariposa County Arts Council as the Mariposa County authorized Partner to the California Arts Council.

Dear Ms. Williams,

On behalf of the Mariposa County Arts Council, I respectfully request that the Board of Supervisors name the Mariposa County Arts Council, the designated Partner to the California Arts Council.

Please Adopt a Resolution designating the Mariposa County Arts Council as the County’s authorized Partner to the California Arts Council. Mariposa County has twenty-one year affiliation with the California Arts Council as a participant in the State-Local Partnership Program. The Board recently received a letter from the California Arts Council requesting that the County continue its participation by designating our local arts council as the authorized partner in the Council’s State-Local Partnership Program.

Because of the 94-percent cut to the California Arts Council and suspension of all grant programs, they will be unable to sustain the support of previous years. While state funding is virtually absent, the California Arts Council will continue to interact with and refer inquiries to our local arts agency. They will also continue to provide information on arts education, cultural tourism, jobs for artists, arts and health, youth and creative activities, and other important issues important to our region and residents.

Please feel free to contact me at (209) 966-3155 for questions, and thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Donna Brownell
Executive Director

Enclosures: 1
Resolution 05–235

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MARIPOSA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL AS THE COUNTY’S AUTHORIZED PARTNER TO THE CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the California Arts Council and the California State Legislature have established a State/Local Partnership Program designed to encourage local cultural planning and decision-making and to reach previously under served constituents and,

WHEREAS, an application for the arts in Mariposa County has now been submitted to the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors Adopt a Resolution designating the Mariposa County Arts Council as the County’s authorized Partner to the California Arts Council. Mariposa County has twenty-year affiliation with the California Arts Council’s State-Local Partnership Program. The Board recently received a letter from the California Arts Council requesting that the County continue its participation by designating our local arts council as the authorized partner in the Council’s State-Local Partnership Program.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF JUNE 2005 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: STETSON, TURPIN, FRITZ, BIBBY, PICKARD

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Chair
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Margie Williams, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Tom Guarino, County Counsel
To: Chair of the County Board of Supervisors, Mariposa County

During this past year local governments have faced unheralded fiscal challenges that have resulted in cutbacks of many programs and services. The health and vitality of our communities continue to be at the forefront of government officials' concerns and responsibilities and that includes the artistic and cultural needs of California's residents. Mariposa County has a twenty-one-year affiliation with the California Arts Council as a participant in the State-Local Partnership Program. The California Arts Council requests that you continue that participation by again designating your county's local arts agency as the authorized partner in the Council's State-Local Partnership Program.

The arts address many of the priorities of local governments: they produce jobs, they contribute to the economy, they assist in revitalizing declining downtowns, they partner with educators to further educational goals, they make communities safer, they bring cross-cultural understanding, and they bring reflection and meaning to our lives. The arts make California a better place.

Additionally, the arts are a part of the creative sector keeping our state competitive in the world marketplace—whether it is in the field of high tech, education, tourism, design, entertainment or other sectors that rely on a pool of creative people.

For the past twenty-one years, county governments and the state have together, invested tens of millions of dollars in the arts to ensure that all residents of every county have access to the arts.

Because of a 94% cut to the California Arts Council and the suspension of all grant programs within the past two years, we have been unable to sustain the support of previous years. We ask, however, that your board take action to designate the local arts agency, Mariposa County Arts Council, as your authorized Partner to the California Arts Council. While state funding is virtually absent, we continue to interact with, and refer inquiries to, your local arts agency. We also continue to provide information on arts education, cultural tourism, jobs for artists, arts and health, youth and creative activities, and other important issues important to your region and its residents.
When the economy rebounds—and it will—we are sure that the arts will be part of the state’s equation for making California a better place to live. It is important at this time that we protect the current infrastructure built over the years to carry out quality programs and services locally.

Sincerely,

Josie S. Talamantez  
Chief of Programs

cc: Board President, Mariposa County Arts Council  
Executive Director, Mariposa County Arts Council