RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-241

MEETING: June 2, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: John Carrier, District V Supervisor

RE: Adopt a Resolution of Recognition for Steven Lewis

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a Resolution Recognizing Steven Lewis for Receiving the Governor's Silver Medal of Valor.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board often recognizes citizens for their outstanding achievements.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

None

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

Steven Lewis (DOC)

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hudson
Mary Hudson, CAO 5/27/2015

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: John Carrier, District V Supervisor

SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier
MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NUMBER 15-241

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING STEVEN LEWIS
FOR RECEIVING THE GOVERNOR'S SILVER MEDAL OF VALOR

WHEREAS, OFFICER STEVEN LEWIS began his career with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) in 2005, in the San Jose and Hollister-Gilroy CHP offices; and

WHEREAS, OFFICER LEWIS came to work in Mariposa in 2008, where he is currently serving as the Mariposa Area's Public Information Officer, and general jack-of-all-trades; in addition OFFICER LEWIS is currently engaged in the promotional process and testing to become a Sergeant, where he is fully expected to be successful in this endeavor; and

WHEREAS, OFFICER LEWIS responded to a traffic collision in Mariposa County on May 14, 2013, where a vehicle went off the roadway, down a steep embankment, overturned and caught fire, which in turn caused the surrounding dry brush to ignite. The driver of the vehicle was ejected and lying face down in the grass, with his hair and clothing on fire. OFFICER LEWIS worked his way down to the driver, extending above and beyond the normal call of duty, and at personal risk to his own safety, and extinguished the flames on the driver's body and saw he was alive. After emptying the extinguisher on the surrounding flames, to no avail, OFFICER LEWIS pulled the man away from the flames that were heading toward a portable gasoline container. There was a loud explosion and the surrounding trees became engulfed in flames, OFFICER LEWIS, with assistance of other officers, carried the driver to safety where he was transported to the hospital.

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2015, OFFICER LEWIS was awarded the Governor's Silver Medal of Valor, the second highest honor that California bestows on its public servants, of which only 523 have been awarded since 1959, for an act of heroism by a State employee extending above and beyond the normal call of duty or service, and performed at personal risk to his or her own life in an effort to save human life.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, a political subdivision of the State of California, that OFFICER STEVEN LEWIS is hereby recognized for his selfless heroism and outstanding service to the people of the State of California.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of June, 2015, by unanimous vote.

ROSEMARIE SMALLCOMBE, District I Supervisor

KEVIN CANN, District IV Supervisor

MERLIN JONES, District II Supervisor

JOHN CARRIER, District V Supervisor

MARSHALL LONG, District III Supervisor