RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-242

MEETING: June 2, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: John Carrier, District V Supervisor

RE: Adopt a Resolution of Recognition for Elizabeth Marks

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a Resolution Recognizing Elizabeth Marks for Receiving the Governor's Gold 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:
Elizabeth Marks (DOC)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hodson
Mary Hodson, CAO 5/26/2015

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 15-242

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ELIZABETH MARKS
FOR RECEIVING THE GOVERNOR'S GOLD MEDAL OF VALOR

WHEREAS, ELIZABETH MARKS was born and raised in Mariposa, and comes from a family that has been devoted to assisting the community; and

WHEREAS, ELIZABETH began her career in public assistance as a Life Guard at Mariposa County Parks and Recreation during the summer of 2007, was enrolled in Mariposa County High School (MCHS) Regional Occupational Program (ROP) Fire Science (Grizzly Fire) her senior year, and graduated from MCHS in June of 2007; and

WHEREAS, ELIZABETH served as a member of the Mariposa Public Utility District (MPUD) Fire Department from December 2007 through August 2011; and

WHEREAS, ELIZABETH began her career with California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) in the summer of 2008, and is currently a Fire Fighter I; and

WHEREAS, ELIZABETH who, when hearing a cry for help on June 22, 2012, while off-duty and enjoying a day at the Merced River near Briceburg, responded above and beyond the normal call of duty, and at great risk to her own safety, jumped into the river to pull a 14-year old girl to safety who was heading towards the rapids. Once the girl was safe, ELIZABETH again risked her own safety and jumped into the river to assist a Bureau of Land Management Ranger with the rescue of the girl's father and pulled him to shore where she began rescue breathing and CPR while the ranger went for additional assistance. ELIZABETH again entered the water to assist two sheriffs as they transported the man across the river on a rescue board to waiting paramedics; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2015, ELIZABETH was awarded the Governor's Gold Medal of Valor, the highest honor that California bestows on its public servants, of which only 523 have been awarded since 1959, for an extraordinary act of heroism by a State employee extending far above and beyond the normal call of duty or service, and performed at great 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 ELIZABETH MARKS is hereby recognized for her 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