MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: BOB PICKARD, Supervisor, District V

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Request to Approve a Letter to Senator Monteith for his Support in Obtaining $250,000 in the State Budget Process for the California State Mining and Mineral Museum. Resolution 00-391

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on November 14, 2000

ACTION AND VOTE:

Supervisor Pickard advised of an off-agenda request to approve a letter to Senator Monteith for his support in obtaining $250,000 in the State Budget process for the California State Mining and Mineral Museum. (M)Pickard, (S)Balmain, Board waived rules requiring 72 hours agenda noticing to consider this matter finding it is a matter of timeliness/Ayes: Unanimous. Following discussion, (M)Pickard, (S)Balmain, Res. 00-391 adopted approving the letter as requested/Ayes: Unanimous.

cc: File
November 14, 2000

The Honorable Dick Monteith
California State Senator, 12th District
Capitol Building, Room 2048
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Monteith:

On behalf of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, I would like to thank you for your support in the State Budget Process for the California State Mining and Mineral Museum. For the first time since its arrival in Mariposa County, the Museum is receiving the support this precious and most valuable collection deserves. Mariposa County believes this rare collection of minerals is truly an attraction worthy of the State’s support.

Since the collection’s transfer from the State Department of Conservation to the Department of Parks and Recreation, we have seen a tremendous renewed interest in the future of the Museum. There are plans for the relocation of the Museum to a site where it will receive the visitation that is becoming of a collection of this caliber and distinction. Once relocated in the town of Mariposa, the Museum in conjunction with a new Visitors’ Center will be able to attract a larger number of visitors. A non-profit organization in cooperation with Parks and Recreation is working towards this goal.

Through your support, the Museum will be able to provide the personnel necessary to display the collection and educate the public. Additionally, the Museum can be utilized not only by the students attending the new tenth U.C. Campus, but also in cooperation with the National Park Service through the Science Institute.

With endless possibilities for such a State treasure, Mariposa County is grateful for all you have done to support the Mining and Mineral Museum. We remain very optimistic that the plans for the Museum will come to fruition and Mariposa County will become home to another wonderful attraction like that of Yosemite.

Sincerely,

GARRY R. PARKER
Chairman, Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

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