RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes__ No_x_)  

Adopt resolution recognizing a special event to be held on October 17, 1993, involving the Wawona Cemetery.

Additional information on this event will be available Tuesday.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Board routinely recognizes special events.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

1) Adopt resolution.
2) Do not adopt resolution and provide alternative direction.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:

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The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: ____________  

Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  

By: Deputy

A.O. Initials: [Signature]

Action Form Revised 5/92
RESOLUTION BY THE MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTING THE DEDICATION OF THE WAWONA PIONEER CEMETERY

WHEREAS, the discovery of Yosemite Valley brought about the idea of a national park system; and

WHEREAS, the community of Wawona lies within the boundaries of Yosemite National Park and is a part of Mariposa County; and

WHEREAS, the history of Wawona reflects its role as an important stopping place for travelers to Yosemite dating back to the late 1800s; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army had initial responsibility for administering the newly created Yosemite National Park during the time the 4th Cavalry was encamped at Camp A. E. Wood in Wawona; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service has assembled the Pioneer History Center in Wawona to interpret and to preserve the human history of Yosemite; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service, in cooperation with the Mariposa Historical Society and the Wawona community, has taken steps to preserve and protect the Wawona Pioneer Cemetery at the urging of Albert Gordon, fourth generation resident of Wawona; and

WHEREAS, records indicate that among those Native Americans and Pioneers buried at the Wawona Pioneer Cemetery is John L. Yates, who was a Private in Troop F, 4th Cavalry, and who died in the Merced River on August 2, 1905 at the age of 22 while attempting to save a drowning girl.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, a political subdivision of the State of California, endorses efforts to preserve the Wawona Pioneer Cemetery and supports its inclusion in the Pioneer History Center Complex and concurs in the decision by the National Park Service to name the road that leads from Chilnualna Falls Road to the Wawona Pioneer Cemetery "Gordon Way" in honor of the Gordon pioneer family of Wawona; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors welcomes the 4th Cavalry back to Wawona for the dedication of the Wawona Pioneer Cemetery and to honor posthumously one of its own for valor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 12th day of October, 1993, by unanimous vote.

ARThUR G. BAGGETT, JR., District I

DOUG BALMAIN, District II

ERIC J. ERICKSON, District III

GARRY R. PARKER, District IV

GERTRUDE R. TABER, District V