RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2017-510

MEETING: August 1, 2017

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor

RE: Resolution Recognizing Matt Arebalo

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a Resolution Recognizing Matt Arebalo for His Outstanding Service to the Citizens of Mariposa (Supervisor Cann).

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

In the past, the Board has recognized other groups and individuals for contributions to the community.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not adopt, and miss the opportunity to recognize the efforts of this individual.

ATTACHMENTS:
Matt Arebalo CAL FIRE (DOC)

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer 7/25/2017

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey
MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NUMBER 17-510

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MATT AREBALO
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF MARIPOSA

WHEREAS, on the evening of May 25th, Mariposa County emergency responders from the Mariposa County Fire Department, CAL FIRE, Mercy Ambulance and the Mariposa County Sheriff’s Office were dispatched to a possible amputation; and WHEREAS, the victim, a tree faller, was doing a tree job at a residence located in Mariposa County. Mariposa County Fire Department responders arrived on scene to find the victim, tied off 30' up in a tree. As he was working at the top, trimming the branches, one of the branches came back on his left arm, causing extensive damage. When units arrived, they determined they had no simple way of getting to the patient; and

WHEREAS, the first arriving responders, consisting of Mariposa County Fire E637, CAL FIRE E4282 and Mercy Ambulance Medic 22, recognized the urgency and looked for options for access to the victim. Captain Ruby Pearson, the Incident Commander (IC) requested the CHP helicopter for assistance but was told that it could not respond after dark. The IC then called for Truck 22 from Mariposa Public Utilities District and Sheriff SAR; and

WHEREAS, in the meantime, Matt Arebalo (an off duty CAL FIRE Captain/Mt Bullion Camp) was returning home from a school event with his daughter. When he arrived (dressed in off-duty attire, consisting of shorts and a t-shirt) recognizing the imminent emergency, he chose to don his climbing gear, ascend the tree to reach the victim; and

WHEREAS, upon reaching the victim, he stabilized the patient, and then he bandaged the arm and slowed the bleeding and attempted to keep the patient calm while personnel on scene attempted to set T22 up close enough to extend the ladder to the tree. Once the ladder was in place, T22 personnel, with the assistance of Matt Arebalo, secured the patient to the ladder and moved him to the ground where he was placed on a gurney and then moved to the ambulance; and

WHEREAS, while much attention was placed on the patient at that time, who was being loaded and transported to an awaiting medical helicopter at John C. Fremont Hospital, Mr. Arebalo lowered himself to the ground. It is the opinion of responders on scene that due to the intervention of Mr. Matt Arebalo, the chances of the patient’s health and recovery has been greatly improved due to these acts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, a political subdivision of the State of California, along with the Mariposa County Fire Department, supported by other emergency responders on scene, wishes to recognize Matt Arebalo for his quick and professional actions involved in this technical rescue and medical response.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of July, 2017, by unanimous vote.

ROSEMARIE SMALLCOMBE, District I Supervisor

KEVIN CANN, District IV Supervisor

MERLIN JONES, District II Supervisor

MILES MENETREY, District V Supervisor

MARSHALL LONG, District III Supervisor