MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 89-156
A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT (IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES) CUTS PROPOSED IN THE STATE BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of IHSS in keeping many blind, aged and disabled persons in their homes rather than in institutions; and

WHEREAS, the primary services available through the IHSS program are domestic and related services; nonmedical personal services, such as bathing and dressing, and essential transportation; protective supervision, such as observing the recipient's behavior to safeguard against injury; and paramedical services, which are performed under the direction of a licensed health care professional and are necessary to maintain the recipient's health; and

WHEREAS, the IHSS caseloads continue to grow at an average of ten percent a year; and

WHEREAS, the FY 1989-90 Governor's Budget proposes to reduce the IHSS Program by $63.9 million, consisting of two parts: (1) a reduction of $31 million due to a limit on provider payments at the minimum wage rate and (2) a reduction of $33 million due to a proposed cap on each county's average hours of services per case; and

WHEREAS, the IHSS Program is a State/Federal mandated program with open-ended eligibility; and

WHEREAS, the factors that influence the growth in the IHSS Program are beyond the control of the counties; and

WHEREAS, these growth factors include: (1) the increasing frailty of recipients, (2) advances in medical technology that allow more severely disabled persons to remain at home; (3) the limited supply of nursing facility beds in the state, and/or (4) government policies and programs that have channeled more severely disabled individuals into the IHSS program; and

WHEREAS, staff to administer the IHSS Program and the Adult Protective Services Program are dependent on the County Services Block Grant, and

WHEREAS, these proposed reductions in the IHSS Program will increase the institutionalization of frail persons;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors opposes any reductions in the IHSS Program and urges the Governor and the Legislature to provide a cost-of-living increase for the County Services Block Grant;
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Board of Supervisors wishes to express its concern over any State Budget reductions which adversely impact the blind, aged and disabled and authorizes the Chair of the Board to sign this Resolution on their behalf.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, a political subdivision of the State of California, this 11th day of April, 1989, by the following vote:

AYES: BAGGETT, PUNTE, ERICKSON, RADANOVICH, TABER  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
ABSTAINED: NONE

[Signature]  
GERTRUDE R. TABER, Chairman  
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

[Signature]  
JEFFREY G. GREEN, County Counsel