RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2017-693

MEETING: October 10, 2017
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Thomas Cooke, District Attorney
RE: MOU John C Fremont Healthcare District and Victim Witness Services

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a One-Year Operational Agreement with John C. Fremont Healthcare District to Provide Assistance to Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking Residing in Mariposa County as an Agreement for the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Grant; and Authorize the County Administrative Officer to Sign the Agreement.

The goal of this Agreement is to process referrals efficiently and work closely together to ensure that victims needs are met, reducing trauma to the victim and increasing offender conviction rates. Under this Operational Agreement, John C. Fremont staff will be readily available to the Mariposa County District Attorney's Office for service provision through June 30, 2018, and will attend meetings as needed to discuss strategies, timetables, and implementation of successful investigations, prosecution strategies, and supportive services. Areas of discussion may also include how to provide a team approach, how to utilize and coordinate referrals sources so that victims can utilize all available services, and collaboration in mutual education and training activities.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
John C. Fremont And Victim Witness Services Program has maintained Operational Agreements for the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Grant for the last four years.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Not supporting this Agreement would not allow for coordination of services between the Victim Witness Services Program and John C. Fremont Healthcare District and hinder providing the best response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and their families.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
There are no financial terms in the MOU.

ATTACHMENTS:
Revised OA with JCF- 2017-2018 FY (PDF)
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long, Miles Menetrey
EXCUSED: Kevin Cann