RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2018-21

MEETING: January 16, 2018

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

RE: Recognize Dick Whittington on His Retirement from YARTS

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Adopt a resolution recognizing Dick Whittington upon his retirement as Transit Manager of Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS).

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
Dick Whittington began his YARTS career in 2004 after serving for two years as Public Information Officer for the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG).

Throughout his career as the YARTS Transportation Manager, Dick has provided outstanding service and brought to the table many service enhancements including online ticketing and fare box automation to name just a few.

The County often recognizes individuals and groups that contribute to the quality of life in Mariposa County and Dick Whittington, through his many contributions to YARTS and the County, is a worthy candidate for recognition.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
None other than we will not be able to recognize Mr. Whittington for his many contributions to Mariposa County.

ATTACHMENTS:
Dick Whittington Resolution  (DOCX)
Dick Whittington Resolution with Signatures  (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Miles Menetrey, District V Supervisor
SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Marshall Long, Kevin Cann, Miles Menetrey
EXCUSED: Merlin Jones
MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NUMBER 18-21

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING

DICK WHITTINGTON

FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS TRANSIT MANAGER OF YARTS

WHEREAS, Dick Whittington has been a reliable contributor to the Quality of Life for both residents and visitors of Mariposa County through his stewardship of the Yosemite Area Regional Transit System (YARTS) since 2004; and

WHEREAS, under Dick's leadership YARTS has grown from serving three to six counties, while service hours and miles have doubled; and

WHEREAS, under Dick's guidance YARTS celebrated their One Millionth Customer in 2014; and

WHEREAS, under Dick's leadership the fleet size has grown from contract bus operations to ten fully outfitted over-the-road coaches necessary to meet the ever increasing customer demand for service reliability and dependability; and

WHEREAS, improvements in technology and fare box automation have recorded thousands of YARTS ticket sales from all 50 States as well as 92 Foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, Dick has decided to enter retirement and pass on the reins of leadership to an individual whom he has mentored successfully so as to insure that the organizational stability remains at a high level.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereby recognizes Dick Whittington for his many years of service to the citizens and visitors of Mariposa, and he is warmly wished a long and prosperous retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 16th day of January, 2018, 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