MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 85-146

WHEREAS, an increasing number of scenarios, including misjudgment, miscalculation, misunderstanding, possession of nuclear arms by terrorist groups or other nations could precipitate the risk of a nuclear confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union, situations that neither side anticipated, intended, or desired; and

WHEREAS, the current communication links represent equipment of the 1960's and as such are outdated and limited in their capabilities; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan, responding to Congressional initiatives, proposed the establishment of additional and improved communication links between the United States and the Soviet Union, and other measures to reduce the risk of nuclear confrontations, and has initiated discussions at a working level with the Soviet Union covering the following:

(a) The addition of a high-speed facsimile capability to the direct communication link (hotline).

(b) The creation of a joint military communication link between the United States Department of Defense and the Soviet Union Defense Ministry.

(c) The establishment by the governments of the United States and the Soviet Union of high-rate data communication links between each nation and its embassy in the other nation's capital; and

WHEREAS, United States Senators Sam Nunn (D-Georgia), John Warner (R-Virginia), and Bill Bradley (D-New Jersey) sponsored an amendment to the 1985 Department of Defense Authorization proposing the establishment of United States and Soviet Union Crisis Control Centers, which was adopted by the United States Senate by a vote of 82-0; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of crisis control centers in Washington and Moscow could reduce the risk of increased tensions and nuclear confront-
ations and accidental nuclear war, thereby enhancing the security of both the
United States and the Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS, these centers could serve a variety of functions including
the following:
(a) Discussing procedures to be followed in the event of possible
incidents involving the use of nuclear weapons by third parties;
(b) Maintaining close contact during nuclear threats or incidents
precipitated by third parties or subnational groups; and
WHEREAS, the establishment of crisis control centers would, by reducing
the risk of accidental nuclear war, promote the public health and safety of
every Californian, in each of our cities and counties; and
WHEREAS, the establishment of these United States and Soviet Union
Joint Crisis Control Centers is more likely to occur upon a showing of broad
public support for them;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mariposa County Board of
Supervisors, a political subdivision of the State of California, that it
commends the President for his announced support for these confidence-
building measures and for his initiation of negotiations which have occurred,
and urges the President to pursue negotiations of these measures with the
government of the Soviet Union, and to add to these negotiations the establish-
ment of crisis control centers in both nations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mariposa County supports and endorses
the establishment of United States and Soviet Union Crisis Control Centers;
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mariposa County Board of Supervisors
encourages the people of Mariposa County to enlist themselves, their families,
friends, neighbors, and colleagues in this endeavor to show the President and
Congress that there is broad public support for the establishment of crisis
control centers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted
to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of
Representatives, and to Senators Alan Cranston and Pete Wilson and Represent-
ative Tony Coelho.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of May, 1985, by the Mariposa County
Board of Supervisors, by the following vote:

AYES:     BARRICK, DALTON, ERICKSON, RADANOVICH, TABER
NOES:     NONE
ABSENT:   NONE
ABSTAINED: NONE

Beverly Barrick
BEVERLY BARRICK, Vice-Chairman
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

GERALD MC CARTHY, County Clerk and
Ex Officio Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY:

JEFFREY G. GREEN, County Counsel