RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2018-242

MEETING: June 12, 2018

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor

RE: Mariposa Grove Resolution

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a Resolution recognizing the reopening of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias in Yosemite National Park.

Mariposa County and Yosemite National Park have always enjoyed a strong partnership in protecting this Crown Jewel of the National Park System (NPS) and promoting the visitor service which will endear the park to future generations. The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is an iconic landmark which was actually part of the original Yosemite Grant in 1864. Having been closed to the public since July, 2015, it is with great anticipation and pride that the Mariposa County Supervisors representing all the residents of Mariposa County congratulate the NPS, the Yosemite Conservancy, and all their many partners on the restoration and now grand reopening of this national treasure.

Staff is, therefore, requesting adoption of the attached resolution for presentation at the ceremony to be held on June 14, 2018.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board routinely adopts resolutions in recognition of events or people.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the resolution is not approved, the Board will miss the opportunity to formally recognize the Mariposa Grove’s reopening.

ATTACHMENTS:
Reopening of Mariposa Grove Resolution   (DOCX)
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey
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Adopt a Resolution Recognizing the Reopening of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias in Yosemite National Park

WHEREAS, Mariposa County has been the primary Gateway to the Yosemite area since President Abraham Lincoln first signed the Yosemite Grant Act on June 30, 1864; and

WHEREAS, Mariposa County and Yosemite National Park have fostered a symbiotic relationship with many employees, services, and visitors being supported outside the Park in Mariposa County; and

WHEREAS, the people of Mariposa County take great pride in Yosemite National Park being their "backyard."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Mariposa, acting by and through the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, hereby celebrates the restoration of the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees and recognizes the National Park Service for its protection and preservation of this iconic grove of redwoods for the enjoyment of posterity.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 12th day of June, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: SMALLCOMBE, JONES, LONG, CANN, MENETREY
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

ROSEMARIE SMALLCOMBE, Chair
Board of Supervisors

Attest:

René LaRoche, Clerk of the Board

Approved as to Form:

Steven W. Dahlem, County Counsel