MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 83-209

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE STATE GRANT FOR FUNDING
TOWARD THE MARIPOSA COUNTY LIBRARY

WHEREAS, an extraordinary effort by the Mariposa Countywide
Library Committee and the Friends of the Library has resulted
in the collection of $21,720.27 of which $19,720.27 has been
deposited in the County Library Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the California State Library has recognized this
commendable effort and has offered the County of Mariposa a
matching grant of $15,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mariposa
County Board of Supervisors to accept the matching LSCA Grant of
of $15,000 and express their sincere gratitude towards this
financial assistance from the State.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervi-
sors this 12th day of July, 1983 by the following vote:

AYES: Barrick, Taber, Erickson, Moffitt, Dalton

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

[Signatures]

ERIC J. ERICKSON, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

ELLEN BRONSON, County Clerk
Ex Officio Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

ROBERT M. WASH, Interim
County Counsel

PATRICIA E. ALBERTA
Clerk of the Board
June 17, 1983

Mr. Eric J. Erickson  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
P.O. Box 247  
Mariposa, CA  95338

Dear Mr. Erickson:

As you may know, the California State Library receives a limited allocation each year from the federal Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA). The purpose of these funds is to assist California libraries to improve service in areas of sparse population or inadequate library service, as well as to demonstrate improved methods of library operations.

I know that the time has come for Merced County to remove its books from Mariposa County. I am also aware of the outstanding, indeed amazing, success local citizen groups have had in raising funds within the county for the replacement of this collection.

Because I believe that assistance in the replacement of this collection is an appropriate use of LSCA, Title I funds, and also because of the extraordinary effort already made by local citizens for this purpose, I am offering Mariposa County a matching LSCA Grant of up to $15,000. It is my understanding that ten or twelve thousand dollars has already been raised from private contributions. This amount, of course, could be used as part or all of the match. Any additional funds, whether private or public, which would bring the local total to $15,000 would also be matched by the grant. Public funds used for matching purposes would need to be appropriated for the replacement of the basic collections within the county and in addition to regular library materials allocations already in the 1983/84 library budget.

I have been aware of the considerable task Mariposa faced two years ago with the phase-out of Merced Library service and know that my staff has advised members of your Library Commission and Friends group from time to time.
The decisions you made to contract for library service with the Tuolumne County Library for administrative and other services were, I believe, good ones and seem to be proving cost effective and generally satisfactory.

The purpose of this one-time grant would be to help Mariposa replace its basic collection now being withdrawn by Merced County. It is not intended to fill in any way the on-going need for continued local maintenance of the collection. I would also expect that materials being added with LSCA funds would be selected and purchased under the same arrangements as are now provided for in the current contract with Tuolumne County Library.

If you have any questions about the grant that I am proposing, please feel free to call the library consultant assigned to your area, John Amend, at (916) 322-0375.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience whether the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors wishes to accept this grant.

Sincerely yours,

GARY E. STRONG  
California State Librarian

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cc: Dick Hastings  
Dorothy Gibson  
John Amend  
Collin Clark  
Maurie Streitmatter