WHEREAS, existing laws of the State of California require that cities, counties and school districts rely heavily on the ad Valorem property tax for sufficient revenues to carry out state-mandated policies; and

WHEREAS, recent legislative efforts to limit property tax rates and revenues has not slowed the growth of property tax burdens so that at present the state-local system relies more heavily on property tax revenues that is equitable; and

WHEREAS, the excessive tax burden placed on the property tax base is steadily growing worse as the state shifts more of the cost of criminal justice, Medi-Cal, mental health and social services to the property tax base; and

WHEREAS, this inequitable tax burden on the property tax base has produced excessive tax burdens on homeowners and renters and the situation has reached intolerable proportions for both local taxpayers and officials;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor call a special session of the Legislature to deal with the following problems of the state-local fiscal system:

(a) The excessive use of the property tax base to fund state-mandated programs in the fields of education, health, social services and criminal justice.

(b) The inequitable property tax burden on homeowners and renters.

(c) The division of authority existing between those who mandate programs and those who raise the necessary taxes to pay for the programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special session eliminate the property tax base as a means of raising sufficient revenues to fund Medi-Cal and adult aides;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special session propose a Constitutional amendment having the following elements to be put before the voters:

(a) That the State of California be required to pay for all newly mandated programs or increases in the level of services, including increased costs in the field of courts and criminal justice;

(b) That the amendment provide that an enforceable continuing appropriation be required providing that the State Controller must disburse funds for newly mandated State and other programs;

(c) That the State be required, in addition to the costs hereinbefore stated, to pay for inflationary costs of the following programs:

1. Dependent children in boarding homes and institutions;
2. Superior Court and Municipal Court;
3. Prohation services;
4. Juvenile homes, branches and camps;
(5) Public Defender;
(6) Open Space;
(7) Mental Health;
(8) AFDC-PG and AFDC-U;
(9) General Assistance;
(10) Medical care for indigents;
(11) Non-Immigrant Children School Tax;
(12) Full subvention under Williamson Act or any other Land Use Act that may pertain to the State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be and she is hereby authorized and directed to send copies of this resolution to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Merced County, Assemblyman Maddy, Senator Zenovich, RCRc, CSAC and Governor Brown.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, this 28th day of September, 1976, by the following vote:


NOES: None

ABSENT: None

NOT VOTING: None

WILLIAM H. MOFFITT
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

ELLEN BRONSON, County Clerk & ex officio Clerk of the Board