WHEREAS, the economy and the livelihoods of the people of Mariposa County and of California are dependent upon the continued productivity and prosperity of the timber industry, and for the needed shelter and construction materials it provides; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State of California and the legislative intent of the Forest Practice Act to encourage forest resource management for timber production, and to create a comprehensive system of regulation of timberlands to assure "maximum" continued production of timber products while giving consideration to other environmental and resource values (Sections 4512 (c) and 4513 P. R. C.); and

WHEREAS, after many days of public meetings and hearings, the State Board of Forestry has adopted forest practice rules to accomplish the purposes of the Act, including the protection of the forest environment in accordance with Secs. 4551 to 4591 P. R. C.; and

WHEREAS, the timber industry of California has already been burdened with an additional expense of several million dollars annually for compliance with the 1973 Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act, at a time of deep economic depression; and

WHEREAS, the additional requirement of environmental impact reports for timber harvest operations would impose further financial burdens on the already troubled timber industry; would be an overwhelming load on small landowners, making it prohibitive for many to engage in forestry operations; would cause delays of 4 to 6
months in harvest operations; would vastly increase the work load and costs in the state government to review and process the reports; and would serve no additional useful purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County request the Governor, the Secretary of Resources and the California Legislature to recognize the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 as a special comprehensive environmental protection law which, together with other statutes (such as the Fish and Game and the Water Quality laws) provide adequate environmental protection, and that the forest practice rules and the timber harvest plan adequately meet the purposes and requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa this 25th day of February, 1975, by the following vote:

AYES: Clark, Hurlbert, Long, Moffitt

NOES: None

ABSENT: Richardson

NOT VOTING: None

HARRY F. HURLBERT
Chairman of the Board

ELLEN BROWN, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board