The Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, State of California, do hereby resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the American Forces Radio and Television Service has been broadcasting from Hollywood in the County of Los Angeles since World War II; and

WHEREAS, through a shortwave system, sporting events, entertainment and other information are broadcast to ships of the United States Navy at sea and military bases around the world so the 1-1/4 million persons stationed in other countries in the armed services and Americans living abroad can keep in touch with home; and

WHEREAS, due to budget limitations, the Voice of America, which has allowed the American Forces network to use its high-powered transmitters free for 30 years, will be forced to begin charging $400,000 per year rental -- funds which the network does not have; and

WHEREAS, because of the budget cuts, world wide American Forces shortwave broadcasts will be stopped after January 17; and

WHEREAS, although many listeners of the Service will still be able to hear its broadcasts by satellite transmission, members of the armed forces in the most remote portions of the world will not be able to continue hearing the broadcasts; and

WHEREAS, also, the 100 million foreign listeners and American civilians living abroad no longer will be able to listen to the shortwave broadcasts; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County has 900,000 veterans, many who have enjoyed the broadcast of the American Forces network while in the service of our country; and

WHEREAS, the $400,000 annual cost to continue shortwave broadcasts is equal to $1,096 per day, $46 per hour, and 76 cents per minute; and
WHEREAS, an estimated 62,500 members of the armed forces will not be able to continue having this link with home and be able to listen to the World Series, Super Bowl, and other events.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa requests President Jimmy Carter, Secretary of Defense Harold Brown, and Congress to include the necessary funds to retain this excellent service for those who are serving our nation in the most isolated parts of the world and for the millions of others who listen in every day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors be instructed to send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States as Commander in Chief of our Armed Forces, to Secretary of Defense Brown, to the members of the California delegation to Congress, Senators Alan Cranston and S.I. Hayakawa and members of the House Committee on Armed Services and the House Committee on International Relations.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors, County of Mariposa this 17th day of January, 1978, by the following vote:

AYES: Long, Clark, Owings, Dalton, Weber

NOES: None

NOT VOTING: None

ABSENT: None

ATTEST:

[Signature]

CARRIE L. CLARK, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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

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Joan J. Lynk
Deputy Clerk