MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 78-43

WHEREAS SB363 provided for a Rural Health Division in the Department of Health Services which includes Contract County Health Services with a variety of programs for special population, and

WHEREAS the Contract Counties' Health Services System provides direct public health services to sixteen counties of under 40,000 population, and

WHEREAS administrative placement in the Division of Rural Health will further isolate Contract Counties' Health Services from local public health assistance in the Division of Public Health, which is its legislative purpose for existence, and

WHEREAS the primary purpose for creating a Division of Rural Health was to provide visibility and priority to the comprehensive health needs of the rural poor, especially seasonal and migrant agricultural workers and their families and Native Americans, and

WHEREAS Contract Counties' Health Services provides personnel exclusively for preventive health services for the general population, and

WHEREAS a very small percentage of the State's seasonal and migrant agricultural workers and Native Americans reside in the sixteen contract counties, and

WHEREAS to administratively separate public health services for sixteen of California's counties from those of the remaining forty-two will significantly interfere with the State's ability to effectively control preventable illnesses,
particularly communicable and infectious diseases,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County urges the Legislature to amend the law to return the Contract Counties' Health Services to the Public Health Division of the new Department of Health Services and be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Senators Zenovich, Waters, Johnson, Assemblyman Maddy, Jim Mulligan, Dept. of Health Services, CSAC, and RCRC.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa this 21st day of March, 1978, by the following vote:

AYES: Clark, Long, Weber, Owings, Dalton

NOES: None

NOT VOTING: None

ABSENT: None

CARROLL N. CLARK, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

ELLEN BRONSON, County Clerk & Ex Officio Clerk of the Board