RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2020-394

MEETING: July 14, 2020

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor

RE: Letter of Support for Today is a New Day Recovery Home, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a Letter of Support for a USDA - Rural Development - Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Application for Today is a New Day Recovery Home, Inc. for the purchase of a van and trailer for program use. (Board Chair)

Today is a New Day Recovery Home, Inc. is a spiritual-based, sober living transitional home located in Coulterville that is dedicated to assisting individuals recovering from addiction or those who want to change their lives. As part of its program, the home’s residents clear trails and fire lines, weed eat, clean up properties, paint houses, complete tree work, and cut and split wood which is delivered to community residents. The home’s residents also help with the local food program, community clean-ups and other things that would be greatly benefited by the purchase of a van and trailer.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board has approved letters in support of other efforts that will benefit the County or its residents.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve the letter. Individual members of the Board may write their own letters of support as desired.

ATTACHMENTS:
DRAFT Letter of Support for New Day Recovery Grant Application (DOCX)
Request for Letter of Support (PDF)
Today is a New Day Recovery Home Overview (PDF)
USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Fact Sheet (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: Miles Menetrey, District V Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey
July 14, 2020

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RE: Letter of Support for Today is a New Day Recovery Home Inc.’s Application for USDA - Rural Development - Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

Dear Ms. Sally Tripp,

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its support for the application from Today is a New Day Recovery Home, Inc. for the USDA - Rural Development - Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program. Today is a New Day Recovery Home, Inc., is a non-profit organization, started and directed by Jerry and Barbara Johnson, which serves 10-12 adults from Mariposa County and the surrounding areas who have drug and addiction problems.

Our county contracts with the organization to provide transitional services, including job training, teaching good work habits, finding work and housing, and completing probation and court orders for clients from our Probation Department and Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Division. The recovery home ensures that the clients attend their many required, and needed, appointments, such as counseling, probation meetings, testing, court dates, and doctor appointments.

The recovery home is located in the rural, poor and sparsely populated community of Greeley Hill, approximately one hour from the town of Mariposa, where almost all the appointments take place. Currently, the organization does not have a vehicle that will