RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2012-387

MEETING: July 24, 2012

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Rydingsword, Human Services Director

RE: Authorize Donation of Old Cell Phones

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION: Authorize the disposal of 30 cell phones to Mariposa community based organizations through August 31, 2012, and thereafter by donation to a charitable organization "Cell Phones for Soldiers" for United States Military.

Human Services has switched carriers from Golden State to Verizon Wireless, because Golden State which had little to no cell service in Mariposa County. Verizon Wireless' cell service greatly exceeds that of Golden State, and with the change the department received new cell phones through Verizon Wireless. As a result the department needs to dispose of the 30 cell phones that were used with Golden State.

Staff in Human Services recommends that these cell phones be made available through August 31, 2012, to community based organizations in Mariposa County. All Mariposa County community based organizations will be notified of the availability of these cell phones and by publishing a notice in the Mariposa Gazette.

If there is a balance of cell phones remaining after August 31, 2012, staff in Human Services is recommending the remaining cell phones be given to the "Cell Phones for Soldiers" program as a way to show local support to our military as opposed to disposing of these cell phones as e-waste. "Cell Phones for Soldiers" is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing deployed and returning troops cost-free methods to communicate with family while serving in the United States military. More information on this program can be found at the following website: <http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com/>

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
County Code 3.08.081 states that the Board of Supervisors may dispense of surplus property "... by direct sale or otherwise, sell, lease, or dispose of any personal property belonging to the county not required for public use."

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION: Do not approve the
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donation of the cell phones to Mariposa community based organizations or the “Cell Phones for Soldiers” program. Human Services will need to e-waste the 30 cell phones at the Solid Waste and Recycling facility.

FISCAL IMPACT:
Financial Impact? ( ) Yes (X) No
There is no impact to the general fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
Join The Fight Charity (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Lyle Turpin, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Lee Stetson, District I Supervisor
AYES: Stetson, Turpin, Bibby, Cann, Allen

Rick Benson, County Administrative Officer/18/2012
Donate A Phone

Thank you for your support of Cell Phones for Soldiers and your interest in donating a gently -used mobile phone. Please read carefully below to obtain all the information needed to process a cell phone donation.

Donating gently-used mobile phones is simple and FREE! Every phone donated assists Cell Phones for Soldiers in its mission to provide free communication tools to service men and women.

Donated cell phones are sold to recycling partner, ReCellular. The money received from recycling cell phones is used to purchase calling cards and other communication tools for the U.S. military.

Minimize weight and save on postage by mailing cell phones only. Batteries, chargers and accessories are not required but gladly accepted.

Locate a Drop-Off Location Near You

Mailing Address
To allow the charity to provide more communication tools to our troops, you can help by paying for postage. To pay for postage, simply mail your phone(s) to:

Cell Phones for Soldiers
C/o ReCellular
PO Box 9998
Dexter, MI 48130-9998

DO YOU HAVE LESS THAN FOUR PHONES TO DONATE?

Click here to open and print a prepaid, pre-addressed mailing label. Thank you for your support.

DO YOU HAVE MORE THAN FOUR PHONES TO DONATE?

If you have more than four phones to donate, please select the program you are affiliated with or select “All Other Visitors” to be directed to the FedEx shipping website.

Free Cell Phone Data Eraser

Download easy instructions for clearing data from your cell phone before donating! This is not a requirement but can increase security of personal information during transit.

http://cellphonesforsoldiers.recellular.com/shippinglabel-generic.html