

**DEPARTMENT:** Board of Supervisors

**BY:** Supervisor Fritz  
**PHONE:** 966-3222

**RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Adopt a resolution encouraging the University of California, Board of Regents to support UC Merced's efforts to plan and establish a School of Medicine in the San Joaquin Valley.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

Assessments point to a shortage of up to 17,000 physicians in the State of California by 2015; the San Joaquin Valley is already medically underserved and growing population and high incidence of health problems point to an overwhelming need to address access to health care in the region.

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Do not adopt the resolution in support and encouragement

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes (X) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$		Resolution
Source:		
Internal Transfer		
Unanticipated Revenue	4/5's vote	
Transfer Between Funds	4/5's vote	
Contingency	4/5's vote	
( ) General ( ) Other		

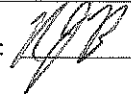
**CLERK'S USE ONLY:**

Res. No.: 08-3 Ord. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Absent: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved  
 ( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:**

Requested Action Recommended  
 No Opinion  
 Comments:  
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The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
 County of Mariposa, State of California  
 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deputy

CAO: 

## **Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 08-3**

**To develop a University of California School of Medicine in the Valley with a mission to advance the health and well-being of the public, with a focus on the Valley.**

**WHEREAS**, assessments of California's health care work force point to a shortage of up to 17,000 physicians in the State of California by 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Joaquin Valley currently has 24 percent fewer primary care physicians and approximately 50 percent fewer specialists per capita than the rest of California as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, the Valley, which is already medically underserved, will be disproportionately impacted by a statewide shortage of physicians; and

**WHEREAS**, the Valley's growing population and high incidence of health problems point to an overwhelming need to address access to health care in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Valley loses millions of dollars from the economy each year as local residents with health insurance coverage seek medical care outside of the region; and

**WHEREAS**, one of UC Merced's goals is to be a leader in health care alliance aimed at improving the well being of San Joaquin Valley residents; and

**WHEREAS**, an expert task force charged with beginning planning for UC health sciences and medical education in the San Joaquin Valley recommends a model that leverages existing health care resources in the Valley, thereby bypassing the \$2-4 million per bed price tag associated with constructing a new university-owned teaching hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, the recommended model for medical education at UC Merced aims to increase the number of health care professionals practicing in the Valley, particularly those that are competent in multi-cultural medicine; and

**WHEREAS**, a University of California school of medicine in the Valley will raise the level of care across the Valley through access to the latest advances and treatments associated with UC health sciences research programs, change perceptions about health care quality, keep health care dollars in the region and serve as an economic engine for the San Joaquin Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Joaquin Valley must be united in its efforts to develop a stellar medical education program that serves the health needs of its residents;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** by the Board of Supervisors for the County of Mariposa, to strongly encourage the University of California, Board of Regents to support UC Merced's efforts to plan and establish a School of Medicine in the San Joaquin Valley. In addition to training physicians to meet regional and state needs, a UC Merced School of Medicine will extend biomedical and environmental sciences research programs throughout the region, which will help improve the economics well being of the Valley and the quality of life of its diverse residents.

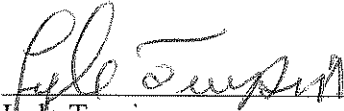
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** for the UC Board of Regents to support the development of a University of California School of Medicine within a short time period, recognizing that physician training is completed in six to eight years after entry into medical school.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008, by unanimous vote.

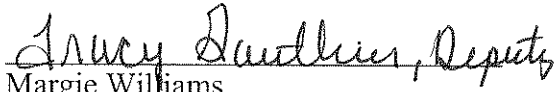
AYES: ABORN, TURPIN, BIBBY, FRITZ, PICKARD

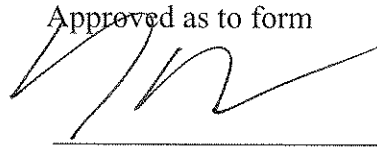
NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

  
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Lyle Turpin  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

  
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Margie Williams,  
Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form  
  
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Thomas P. Guarino,  
County Counsel