MEETING: July 17, 2012
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Cathi Boze, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer
RE: Declaration of July 16 - 22, 2012, as California Invasive Weed Awareness Week

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Proclaim the week of July 16 - 22, 2012, as “California Invasive Weed Awareness Week.”

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 114 declared the week beginning with the 3rd Monday in July as the annual Invasive Weed Awareness Week in California.

The legislation urges all Californians, during that week, to participate in activities that raise awareness of both the scourge and impacts of invasive non-native weeds and the methods to prevent their pernicious spread.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors has annually proclaimed this week as “California Invasive Weed Awareness Week.”

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
None

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
There is no financial impact for this item.

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended
Resolution - Action Requested 2012-381

RESULT:  ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:    Jim Allen, District V Supervisor
SECONDER: Lyle Turpin, District II Supervisor
AYES:     Stetson, Turpin, Bibby, Cann, Allen
THE MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

PROCLAIMS JULY 16 – 22, 2012, AS

“CALIFORNIA INVASIVE WEED AWARENESS WEEK”

WHEREAS, invasive noxious weeds are a growing threat to our environment and biological diversity; and

WHEREAS, invasive noxious weeds cause depletion of water resources, increased fire hazard and incidence of wildfires, reduction of the value of land for both agricultural and recreational purposes, reduction in habitat for native fauna, and crowding out of native plant species; and

WHEREAS, pathways for the spread of invasive noxious weeds are many and varied, involving both accidental and intentional introductions, and could be reduced by increased awareness of the dangers posed by even seemingly innocuous plants that are transplanted to a different ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, the invasive noxious weed yellow starthistle infests California agricultural, watershed, and open space areas including tens of thousands of acres in Mariposa County, making it the most common invasive plant in California, choking out native plants, and causing sickness and death in animals and reducing the value of forage and feed; and

WHEREAS, Mariposa County has a long standing program to control yellow starthistle, Klamath weed, Iberian starthistle, tocalote, and other invasive noxious weeds by the use of Integrated Weed Management practices; and

WHEREAS, public agencies, land stewards, and citizens groups in Mariposa County have joined together to stop the spread of invasive noxious weeds and restore lands and watersheds to a healthy state for their intended use; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has passed legislation (ACR 114) establishing July 16 - 22, 2012, as California Invasive Weed Awareness Week.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereby proclaims the week of July 16 - 22, 2012, as “Invasive Weed Awareness Week” in Mariposa County and reaffirms its commitment to address the issues of the spread of invasive noxious weeds in our County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County this 17th day of July, 2012, by unanimous vote.

LEE STETSON, District I Supervisor

KEVIN CANN, District IV Supervisor

LYLE TURPIN, District II Supervisor

JIM ALLEN, District V Supervisor

JANET BIBBY, District III Supervisor