



# MARIPOSA COUNTY

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## **RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2012-381**

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

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### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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Rick Benson, County Administrator/CEO

**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 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012, by unanimous vote.

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LEE STETSON, District I Supervisor

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KEVIN CANN, District IV Supervisor

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LYLE TURPIN, District II Supervisor

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JIM ALLEN, District V Supervisor

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JANET BIBBY, District III Supervisor