WHEREAS, GARY W. HICKMAN began his career with Mariposa County as the University of California Horticulture Advisor in July, 2001; and

WHEREAS, GARY provided a premier educational outreach program to the local community, offering workshops and talks on topics of interest to home gardeners and commercial growers; and

WHEREAS, GARY, through grant funding, offered a cost-share program to local growers to establish demonstration trials for hops production with a successful test plot located at the Fairgrounds; and

WHEREAS, GARY optimistically planted the earliest tomato seedlings in the county, only to be foiled by late frosts; and

WHEREAS, GARY willingly shared his bird identification expertise with the young campers attending 4-H Camp Tweety; and

WHEREAS, GARY co-sponsored informational meetings to promote Agri-Tourism and Nature Tourism in Mariposa County; and

WHEREAS, GARY assisted the Mariposa County Master Gardeners to complete and dedicate their demonstration garden of native plants along the Mariposa Creek Parkway; and

WHEREAS, GARY can now begin to accept international assignments without scheduling conflicts; and

WHEREAS, GARY and Charlotte can enjoy retirement until the real work of Cuesta Roble Nursery takes over.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereby recognizes GARY W. HICKMAN for his service to the County and citizens of Mariposa, and he is warmly wished a long and happy retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County this 13th day of July, 2004, by unanimous vote.

LEE STETSON, District I Supervisor

DOUG BALMAIN, District II Supervisor

JANET BIBBY, District III Supervisor

GARRY R. PARKER, District IV Supervisor

BOB PICKARD, District V Supervisor