MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NUMBER 04- 237

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
THE SESQUICENTENNIAL (150th) ANNIVERSARY
OF THE MARIPOSA COUNTY COURTHOUSE

WHEREAS, on July 21, 1854, the Court of Sessions awarded a $9,000 Contract to P.V. Fox and A.F. Shriver to build a COURTHOUSE by the end of the year; and

WHEREAS, the MARIPOSA COUNTY COURTHOUSE is one of the finest remaining examples of Nineteenth Century Creek Revival Architecture in the Mother Lode; and

WHEREAS, the MARIPOSA COUNTY COURTHOUSE is constructed of local White Pine and is hand hewn and held together with pine pegs; and

WHEREAS, the clock has chimed from the bell tower in the MARIPOSA COUNTY COURTHOUSE with power from hand cranking weighted cables from 1866 to this day; and

WHEREAS, the MARIPOSA COUNTY COURTHOUSE is recognized as the oldest county courthouse in continuous use west of the Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the MARIPOSA COUNTY COURTHOUSE is on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the MARIPOSA COUNTY COURTHOUSE is designated as State of California Historical Landmark No. 670; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mariposa desires to preserve and protect its historic COURTHOUSE by maintaining its use as a working court facility for as long as possible; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has shifted the responsibility for court facilities from the county to the state.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereby recognizes the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the MARIPOSA COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County this 1st day of June 2004, by unanimous vote.

LEE STETSON, District I

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