MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 04-238
A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
THE SESQUICENTENNIAL (150TH) ANNIVERSARY
OF THE MARIPOSA GAZETTE AND MINER

WHEREAS, on July 12, 1855, L.A. Holmes began the MARIPOSA GAZETTE, purchasing the printing equipment from the defunct Mariposa Chronicle; and

WHEREAS, the year 2004 marks the sesquicentennial anniversary of the MARIPOSA GAZETTE AND MINER, and of its independent, local management and ownership; and

WHEREAS, it has been officially recognized in resolutions by the California Legislature, United States Congress, Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, and in numerous stories in major California newspapers as the state’s oldest weekly newspaper of continuous publication; and

WHEREAS, even in that first issue, history of nationwide importance was reported on page one of the landmark case involving General John C. Fremont’s vast land holdings, just as it chronicled the Gold Rush disputes that settled mining laws for the entire nation, and reported in story and photographs the horrendous floods that literally reshaped the Merced River Canyon; and

WHEREAS, the GAZETTE has faithfully told the history of Mariposa County’s crown jewel, Yosemite National Park, in prose and photograph dating to the days when the veterans of Savage’s Battalion related in voices filled with awe the sights they had beheld as the first non-Indian visitors to Nature’s masterpiece; and

WHEREAS, the GAZETTE successfully bought out their competition in 2004, The Mariposa Tribune and began the incredible achievement and difficult task of printing their newspaper in-house in 2002, instead of transporting the newspaper out of town for the printing process; and

WHEREAS, the GAZETTE earned its way to the finals in the California Newspaper Publishers’ Association (CNPA) Better Newspapers Contest for 2003 as Blue Ribbon finalists in the category of sports coverage and sports photography, and in the feature story category, adding to its CNPA awards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereby offers its sincere congratulations on the publication of the 150th anniversary of the MARIPOSA GAZETTE AND MINER.

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

LEE STETSON, District I Supervisor       GARRY R. PARKER, District IV Supervisor

DOUG BALMAIN, District II Supervisor       BOB PICKARD, District V Supervisor

JANET BIBBY, District III Supervisor