

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 145<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE MARIPOSA GAZETTE AND MINER

WHEREAS, 1999 marks the 145<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the MARIPOSA GAZETTE AND MINER, and the 145<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its independent, local management and ownership; and

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

WHEREAS, the GAZETTE was diligently recording with fairness, accuracy, and thoroughness the news of Mariposa County's gold-feverish residents even before the first plank was cut for its majestic neighbor, the Mariposa County Courthouse, still the oldest functioning citadel of justice in California; 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 in the same courtroom where even today honest citizens, miscreants and tourists from near and far sit on the same rough wooden benches and watch the march of justice; and

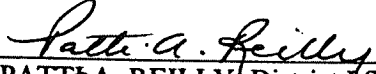
WHEREAS, the GAZETTE has faithfully told the history of Mariposa County's crown jewel, Yosemite National Park, in prose and photograph dating to the days when the veterans of Savage's Battalion related in voices filled with awe the sights they had beheld as the first non-Indian visitors to Nature's masterpiece;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


WHEREAS, the GAZETTE recognizes the wisdom of a past correspondent from Hornitos, Edith Turner, who sagely pointed out that, "You got to watch it or you can get in trouble being a news writer on the GAZETTE, because readers get upset if you overlook 'em and they get upset if you mention 'em"; and


WHEREAS, even as the GAZETTE is solidly forging toward the new millennium, preparing to serve the fiercely independent citizenry of Mariposa County into its third century, it resolutely pledges to continue reporting the news without fear or favor of any quarter, to remain ever on guard in protecting the First Amendment and the Constitution, and to remain a welcome friend in the homes of its thousands of readers.


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 145<sup>th</sup> volume of the MARIPOSA GAZETTE AND MINER on February 21, 1999.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1999, by unanimous vote.

  
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