MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NUMBER 99-161
A RESOLUTION Recognizing Robert “Bruce” Pickard for His Service to the County of Mariposa

WHEREAS, Robert “Bruce” Pickard began his law enforcement career with the Los Angeles Police Department in May of 1961, retiring from the big city in August of 1981, and he came to work for the Mariposa County Sheriff’s Department on March 1, 1984 as a Jailer-Dispatcher; and

WHEREAS, you could always expect a “Roger” from Bruce after every transmission when he was Dispatcher; and

WHEREAS, Bruce has risen through the ranks, first becoming acting Jail Sergeant on February 14, 1989; then promoted to acting Jail Lieutenant on April 1, 1989; and lastly, promoted to Jail Lieutenant on September 1, 1989; and

WHEREAS, Bruce assisted in the planning, building, and operations of the new Jail facility and even became known for wearing his “Totonca Power Tie” to Sacramento to gain needed funding for the Jail; and

WHEREAS, Bruce, unofficially titled “Commander Raisin”, due to his abilities to dance like the famous Raisins, was often seen carrying his “Banana Gun” in his holster; and

WHEREAS, Bruce has assisted in providing Mariposa County with high quality law enforcement services through his hard work and dedication over the last fifteen years; continuously exhibiting his abilities to make sound custodial decisions; displaying his knowledge of technological and legal issues; being cognizant of the roles of the various levels of services; and always having compassion and empathy for how decisions truly effect the lives of individuals and their families; and

WHEREAS, Bruce is an active member of the Ponderosa Basin Chapel; takes time to work with the youth; is a member of the Courthouse Security Committee; and can share credit with his wife Joanne in successfully raising the current Chairman of the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Bruce and his trusted companion “Spike,” who was present for all of Bruce’s shifts, will be greatly missed by all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereby recognizes Robert “Bruce” Pickard for his service to the County of Mariposa, and he is warmly wished a long and prosperous future.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County this 25th day of May, 1999, by unanimous vote.

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