

MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NUMBER 13-555

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JAMES "JIM" WILSON FOR HIS
OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS THE MARIPOSA COUNTY FIRE CHIEF**

WHEREAS, JAMES "JIM" WILSON has faithfully served his community in the capacity of Fire Chief/Emergency Services Officer for the County of Mariposa since January 2007; and

WHEREAS, JIM has enthusiastically served the community of Mariposa on the Emergency Medical Care Committee, the Disaster Advisory Council, the Volunteer Combination Officers Section as Vice-chair, and as a board member of Fire Scope under the Governor of California; and

WHEREAS, JIM implemented a Four-Category Membership program to ease the burden of training and time commitment for Mariposa County Volunteer Firefighters in addition to implementing a Firefighter Accountability System, Firefighter Rehabilitation Program, and Highway Traffic Safety vests; and

WHEREAS, JIM was instrumental in the award of numerous grants totaling more than \$7.4 million dollars which assisted in upgrading Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), a new Type I Fire Engine, upgrading the Emergency Medical Service response equipment, replacing all structure and wildland personal protection equipment, acquiring a mobile live fire training unit, equipping all fire engines and staff cars in the County with infra-red thermal imaging technology, equipping all Type VI engines and the two rescue vehicles with full sets of extrication tools, heavy lift air bags and rescue tools; and earned \$1,995,068 in revenue through Assistance by Hire through the California Mutual Aid process, and was awarded a second four-year SAFER grant to continue the Volunteer Recruitment & Retention program; and

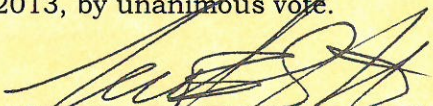
WHEREAS, JIM was awarded the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act Assistance to Firefighters Grant to build three new fire stations, assisted County Administration with a successful Proposition 218 campaign to fund the purchase of eleven new fire engines, and four water tenders and assist with fire station upgrades through County Service Area #3; and

WHEREAS, JIM implemented a County-Wide Community Education and Prevention program that included the creation of "Fire Ambassadors," replaced mobile and portable communication radios in most apparatus to be compatible with new generation dispatch systems, completed FCC-mandated narrow banding eighteen months before deadline, and transitioned the training program to use State and National standards for Firefighter and Fire Officer; and

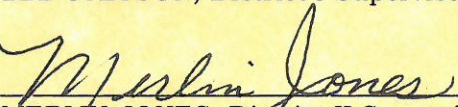
WHEREAS, JIM upon his retirement will enjoy extensive traveling and will relocate to recently purchased property in Washington State where he and his wife will build their home near their daughter and grandson's horse ranch. He will be deeply missed by his colleagues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereby recognizes **JAMES "JIM" WILSON** for his outstanding service to Mariposa County and expresses sincerest wishes for a long and happy retirement.

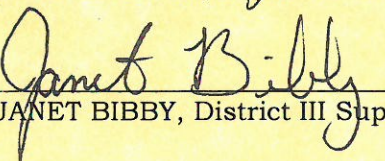
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 17th day of December, 2013, by unanimous vote.



LEE STETSON, District I Supervisor

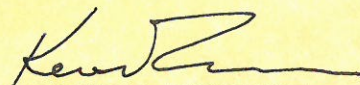


MERLIN JONES, District II Supervisor

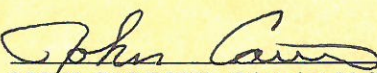


JANET BIBBY, District III Supervisor





KEVIN CANN, District IV Supervisor



JOHN CARRIER, District V Supervisor