



# MARIPOSA COUNTY

Health and Human Services · (209) 966-2000



## **RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-450**

MEETING: August 6, 2019

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Health and Human Services Director

RE: Certification of Authority - Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant

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### **RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Approve the Certificate of Authority authorizing staff to requisition funds under the Three-Year Agreement with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Services (RUS) Grant for funding of Distance Learning and Telemedicine; and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Certificate.

The USDA requires a Certificate of Authority authorizing specific staff persons to requisition funds for services performed under the grant agreement. The Distance Learning and Telemedicine program helps rural communities in acquiring distance learning and telemedical technologies so that county government professionals who service rural residents can link to peers in other communities and leverage respective expertise. This program provides valuable tools in improving the quality of life for thousands of residents in rural communities across the United States.

### **BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

This Certificate of Authority will allow Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) staff to claim funds and receive reimbursement from the USDA.

The Board approved the Three-Year Agreement with United States Department of Agriculture on January 22, 2019 by Resolution 2019-42.

### **ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

If this agreement is not approved, the HHSA will be unable to requisition grant funds.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**This Certificate of Authority will enable HHSA staff to requisition grant funds. There is no impact to the County General Fund.**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

**County of Mariposa Certification of Authority RUS - DLT (PDF)**  
**RUS - Distance Learning Telemedicine 3 Yr. Grant 2018-2021 Wsignatures (PDF)**

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**RESULT:** ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

**SECONDER:** Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor

**AYES:** Rosemarie Smallcombe, Marshall Long, Kevin Cann, Miles Menetrey

**EXCUSED:** Merlin Jones