

**RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

(Policy Item: Yes  No )

Approve and Authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign and submit the Mariposa County Child Support Services Transition Plan to the State Department of Child Support Services. Bills AB 196 (Kuehl) and SB 542 (Burton) were enacted in September 1999, and became effective January 1, 2001. The legislation creates a Department of Child Support Services with the California Health and Human Services Agency to administer at the State level all services and functions necessary to establish, collect, and distribute child support. The legislation also requires each county to establish a new county department of child support services separate and independent of any other county department. The Transition Plan outlines and details how the Family Support Division of the District Attorney's Office will become its own separate Child Support Services Department, without causing disruption in services to clients.

The California Department of Child Support Services has set a Local Agency Transition Schedule for all 52 counties. Mariposa County was included in Phase II with an anticipated transition date of June 30, 2001, but no later than December 31, 2001. To allow for sufficient time for State personnel to review and approve the Transition Plan, they have requested the Plan be completed and approved by the Board of Supervisors by March 31, 2001. The County Administrative Officer will be in Sacramento on April 4, 2001, and will hand deliver the Plan.

The first reading of the Ordinance establishing the new County Department of Child Support Services and approving the revised job descriptions will be presented to the Board on April 10, 2001.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

The Board adopted Resolution 00-239 targeting the Transition date of July 1, 2001, to coincide with our fiscal year and simplify the transition process. The Resolution also established the job description and salary for the Child Support Services Director.

The Board adopted Resolution 00-405 that established a Transition Committee to facilitate the development of the Transition Plan. The Transition Committee consisted of two Board members, County Administration, County Counsel, Personnel, District Attorney, Family Support Division, Auditor. The Transition Committee met on a regular basis and communicated with the State Department of Child Support Services in preparing the Transition Plan.

On February 27, 2001, the Board gave direction to staff regarding the recruitment for a Child Support Services Director. During closed session on March 6, 2001, the Board appointed a local Director.

<b>COSTS:</b> ( X ) Not Applicable A. Budgeted Current FY \$ B. Total Anticipated Costs \$ C. Required Additional Funding \$ D. Internal Transfers \$ <b>SOURCE:</b> ( ) 4/5ths Vote Required \$ A. Unanticipated Revenues \$ B. Reserve for Contingencies \$ C. Source Description: _____ Balance in Reserve for Contingencies ,if approved: _____	<b>SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:</b> List the attachments and number the pages consecutively: Mariposa County Child Support Services Transition Plan _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
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**CLERKS USE ONLY:**

Res. No. 01-87 Ord. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved ( ) Denied ( )  
Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary ( )  
The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
County of Mariposa, State of California  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**  
This item on agenda as:

Recommended  
 Not Recommended  
 For Policy Determination  
 Submitted with Comment  
 Returned for Further Action

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
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CAO's Initials: [Signature]