

MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NUMBER 01- 253

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE BY
THE JOHN C. FREMONT HOSPITAL

WHEREAS, in 1947, voters of Mariposa County overwhelmingly approved organization of the JOHN C. FREMONT HOSPITAL DISTRICT and held the first meeting of a Board of Directors and proceeded to purchase 20 acres of land to build a facility; and

WHEREAS, in 1951, the JOHN C. FREMONT HOSPITAL opened its 24 bed facility to serve the needs of Mariposa County; and in 1975, a Home Health Agency was established to serve at-home health needs and in 1995, Hospice was added to serve the terminally ill and their families; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, the JOHN C. FREMONT HOSPITAL was designated a primary health service hospital by the state of California and a sole community provider by the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, the Mariposa area was designated as a primary medical health care professional shortage area and received Rural Health Clinic Certification; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, when most small hospitals were closing, Revenue Bonds totaling \$5,840,000 were issued, allowing the District to update its 40 year old facility, expand emergency services, build a new clinic, enlarge the heliport pad, reopen surgery and add additional facilities; and

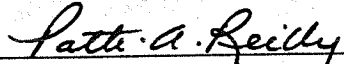
WHEREAS, the JOHN C. FREMONT HEALTH CARE DISTRICT is one of the few California hospitals granted the "Critical Access Hospital" designation which allows the District to receive a higher reimbursement for its Medicare patients; and


WHEREAS, the District supplies education to the community by conducting CPR courses, Certified Nursing Assistant programs, and Licensed Vocational Nurse prerequisites programs (in conjunction with Merced College); and

WHEREAS, the JOHN C. FREMONT HEALTH CARE DISTRICT is one of the largest employers in Mariposa County with 168 employees.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, joins with the residents of Mariposa County in recognition and appreciation for the JOHN C. FREMONT HOSPITAL'S 50 years of serving Mariposa County's health care needs.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County this 11th day of September 2001, by unanimous vote.


PATTI A. REILLY, District I Supervisor


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