

MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 89-157

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT CUTS PROPOSED IN THE STATE'S BUDGET FOR MEDICALLY INDIGENT SERVICES PROGRAM (MISP)

WHEREAS, the Governor's 1989/90 State budget proposes severe cuts in health care funds, specifically the reduction of \$359 million from the Medically Indigent Services Program (MISP), to the counties; and

WHEREAS, public and private hospitals are finding it increasingly difficult to provide health care to indigent and uninsured (unsponsored) persons; and

WHEREAS, counties, whether they contract for indigent health care services or operate county hospitals, provide nearly 70 percent of the total amount of uncompensated care in California; and

WHEREAS, the original MISP program was established as a result of the State passing to the counties the responsibility for the medically indigent adult, formerly a component of the State Medi-Cal program; and


WHEREAS, the MISP transfer was accomplished over county objections with approximately 70 percent of the funding that the State had been spending in the same area and since then there has been a gradual erosion of the program costs, virtually no cost-of-living adjustments, and disregard for the rising costs for provision of medical care for the indigent; and

WHEREAS, any reduction in the MISP will mean reductions in critical local services and an acceleration of the fiscal crisis facing counties;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors opposes any reduction in State General Fund dollars from the Medically Indigent Services Program, and;

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, a political subdivision of the State of California, this 11th day of April, 1989, by the following vote:

AYES: BAGGETT, PUNTE, ERICKSON, RADANOVICH, TABER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAINED: NONE


GERTRUDE R. TABER, Chairman
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


MARGIE WILLIAMS,
Clerk of the Board


JEFFREY C. GREEN, County Counsel