

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF MARIPOSA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**DECLARING A REGIONAL)
APPROACH FOR A MARIJUANA)
ERADICATION PILOT PROGRAM)**

Resolution No. 07-2

WHEREAS, Mariposa County is located in central California, adjacent to the San Joaquin Valley within the Central Sierra Nevada. The Largest part of Yosemite National Park including Yosemite Valley is located within County boundaries in addition to large portions of the Sierra and Stanislaus National Forest. The Bureau of Land Management also administers tracts of land within Mariposa County; and

WHEREAS, 52% of Mariposa County is federally-owned land; and

WHEREAS, marijuana production in Mariposa County has risen drastically in recent years; and during the 2006 year, Mariposa County deputies worked closely with numerous Local, State and Federal law enforcement agencies while continuing focus on ridding Mariposa County of illegal and dangerous marijuana gardens; and

WHEREAS, since the 1990's, Mariposa County has experienced a rapid growth in drug trafficking organizations using our local area to cultivate, process, and transport illegal marijuana. In 2006 alone, 33,331 plants were eradicated and the potential value of these plants, if allowed to mature and reach the streets, is estimated to have a street value of approximately \$99,993,000; and

WHEREAS, illegal drug trafficking causes an imminent threat to our residents and visitors. It also threatens our environment, including animals and water; and

WHEREAS, the marijuana problem and illegal drug trafficking is not exclusive to Mariposa County and therefore, reaches surrounding counties and public land; and

WHEREAS, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors is committed to joining together with San Joaquin Valley Counties to develop a regional approach for a marijuana eradication pilot program

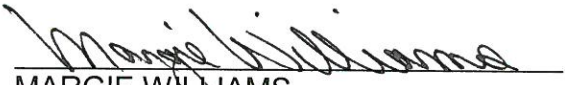
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa hereby adopts this resolution in support of a regional approach in which Mariposa County and the San Joaquin Valley Counties join together for the development of a federal and state marijuana eradication pilot program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 9th day of January 2007, by unanimous vote.

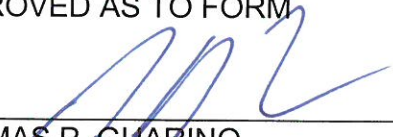
AYES: Aborn, Turpin, Bibby, Fritz, Pickard
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None


Janet Bibby, Chairman
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM


THOMAS P. GUARINO
County Counsel