

MARIPOSA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 95-501

WHEREAS, Congress and the President were unable to agree upon a federal budget, and

WHEREAS, the stalemate resulted in the closure of federal offices and operations, thereby causing a large number of federal employees to be laid off, and

WHEREAS, one of the federal operations which has been ordered to be closed is the National Park System, and

WHEREAS, Yosemite National Park is located primarily within the confines of Mariposa County, and

WHEREAS, Yosemite National Park is one of the most popular and highly visited recreation areas in the National Park system, and

WHEREAS, Mariposa County is the gateway to Yosemite National Park and consequently its economy is almost solely dependent upon tourist related activities, and

WHEREAS, fifty percent (50%) of Mariposa County government's discretionary income is generated exclusively from the lodging industry which caters to Yosemite bound tourists, and

WHEREAS, the closure of Yosemite National Park caused the lay-off of approximately 350-400 federal park employees and 1100 Park concessionaire employees, and

WHEREAS, prior to the closure, over 6,000 tourists per day were visiting Yosemite, and

WHEREAS, the loss of tourism dollars for both the local government and the private tourism industry is substantial, and

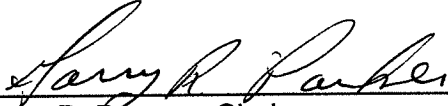
WHEREAS, the additional loss of revenue to local businesses from over 1500 employees being out of work in the County is devastating and could be fatal to many small businesses, and

WHEREAS, the federal government shutdown inflicted serious fiscal impacts on Mariposa County and numerous communities throughout America;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors does hereby strongly encourage the Legislative and Executive branches of the federal government to involve appropriate State and local governments in any future deliberations of this magnitude.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, this 20th day of November, 1995 by the following vote:

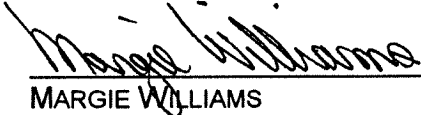
AYES:	BALMAIN, STEWART, PARKER
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAINED:	NONE
EXCUSED:	REILLY, TABER



GARRY R. PARKER, Chairman
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

ATTEST:



MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board



JEFFREY G. GREEN
County Counsel

MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: JEFF IRONS, VISITORS BUREAU DIRECTOR
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *MW*
SUBJECT: FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on November 20, 1995

ACTION AND VOTE:

Public Presentations: For Non-Timed Agenda Items and for Items Not on the Agenda

- Jeff Irons/Visitors Bureau Director, presented information relative to the affect the federal government shutdown had on Yosemite National Park and the tourism industry, and advised of efforts to get everything up and running again. Discussion was held concerning the matter and relative to planning for any future closures of the Park. Chairman Parker requested that the Visitors Bureau Director contact surrounding communities to develop a plan to deal with highway closures and other unforeseen circumstances in the future, and contact Caltrans to request that the highway information signs reflect that "Yosemite is open". Chairman Parker advised that with staff assistance, he drafted a resolution for the Board's consideration relative to the affect of the federal government shutdown due to their not passing a budget. (M)Balmain, (S)Stewart, Board waived its rules requiring 72 hours agenda noticing to consider the resolution, finding the matter was not known about at the time the agenda was prepared/Ayes: Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Excused: Reilly, Taber. Following discussion, (M)Balmain, (S)Stewart, Res. 95-501 adopted encouraging the federal government to involve appropriate State and local governments in any future deliberations that results in an impact of the magnitude of the recent shutdown/Ayes: Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Excused: Reilly, Taber.

cc: File