

MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 89-220

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING REDUCTION OF FUNDING
FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

WHEREAS, Assembly member Farr has introduced AB 904 with the support of the California Conference of Local Mental Health Directors into the California State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 904 would prioritize State and local mental health services for the psychiatrically disabled citizens in conformance with Federal law and promote adequate funding for local services for the mentally ill; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has not allocated adequate resources for the development of a Community Mental Health System despite the promises made during the deinstitutionalization of State hospitals and transfer of service provision to County government; and

WHEREAS, County Mental Health has received new mandated service requirements during the last five years which have not been adequately funded by the State of California for seriously emotionally disturbed children, adult residential care, case management, and the homeless mentally ill; and

WHEREAS, The Governor has proposed to reduce funding for County Mental Health Programs by \$208 million for FY 1989/90 if welfare cost of living adjustments are not suspended, family planning is not eliminated, and in-home support services for seniors reduced; thus resulting in a 40%-50% reduction in County Mental Health because of lost revenues from State and Federal government;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, a political subdivision of the State of California, certifies that County Mental Health services will be unable to serve even the most disabled mentally ill citizens in a manner adequate to ensure basic health and safety under the conditions proposed in the Governor's budget; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this failure of State government to provide adequate revenue for the most basic care of its mentally ill citizens is totally unacceptable as public policy or as a standard for a civilized society with disables citizens who, through no fault of their own, are unable to provide for their basic needs; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that State government should re-examine its priorities and its present revenue needs to ensure an adequate level of funding to County Mental Health programs to provide for the health, safety and rehabilitation needs of this disabled group of citizens, WITHOUT SACRIFICING THE FUNDS required to serve other disabled or poor populations.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, this 2nd day of May, 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:



MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFFREY G. GREEN, County Counsel

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