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A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING C. A. "PELK" RICHARDS FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS SHERIFF - CORONER FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY

WHEREAS, C. A. "PELK" RICHARDS began his law enforcement career on July 1, 1972 as a Deputy Sheriff/Jailer for the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office. PELK was promoted to Sergeant in January 1977, and was awarded the Outstanding Sergeant Award; was promoted to Commander in September 1985, and in June 1990, he was promoted to the position of Undersheriff for the Mariposa County Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, during his career, PELK solved all homicides assigned to him and was deemed to be a Court expert in narcotics; and on April 23, 1973, PELK was involved in a shootout with the Nob Hill Rapist; and

WHEREAS, PELK was sworn in as the 20th Sheriff for Mariposa County in January 1999, and was reelected in 2002; and

WHEREAS, PELK was awarded the "J. Edgar Hoover" Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award; was responsible for writing section 417(b) of the California Penal Code – "Protecting Peace Officers Legislation"; published the first Mariposa Sheriff's Office Annual Report; established a mission, vision and value statement for the Department: "to control, prevent and reduce crime in our community while being courteous, professional, and respectful"; served as a member of the Law Enforcement Advisory Committee for Assemblyman Cogdill, and as an active member of the California State Sheriff's Association, and as an Executive Committee Member for the United States Attorney, Eastern District; and


WHEREAS, PELK has accomplished the opening of Community Service Offices in Greeley Hill – Station 1, and in El Portal, and the Animal Control Impound Facility; initiated management on patrol and extended patrol coverage; championed Rural Crime Prevention Funding amounting to \$500,000 annually for the County; upgraded the Dispatch Center and the Enhanced 9-1-1 System; created a backup 9-1-1 System; developed a Narcotic Detection & Suppression Unit; expanded SCOPE (Sheriff Community Organized Policing Effort) to a multi-faceted program; promoted the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program; initiated a bicycle patrol for Mariposa County; instituted bar coding for all evidence; developed a Terrorism Response Plan for Mariposa County in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; obtained Indian Health Care for eligible inmates; and during his tenure the Mariposa Search and Rescue Team received national recognition; and

WHEREAS, even with his busy schedule, PELK finds time to provide community service by serving as a director of the Fair Board, Mariposa/Yosemite United Way; as a board member of the Mountain Crisis Center, Mariposa County Drug and Alcohol Board, Mariposa County Criminal Justice Committee and the County Parole Board; as a member of the Connecting Mariposa County Steering Committee, Mariposa County Domestic Violence Committee, the Mariposa Youth Skate Park Committee, and Mariposa Little League; is a former softball coach for the High School; and was instrumental in the formation of the "Mariposa – Clean and Proud" efforts; and

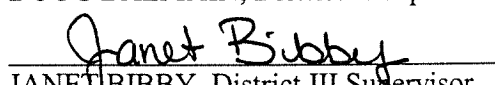
WHEREAS, PELK graduated from Mariposa County High School in 1966, married his high school sweetheart, Dorothy 35 years ago, raised two children, Tammi and Troy and welcomed his new grandson, Tyler to the family; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereby recognizes and commends C. A. "PELK" RICHARDS for his outstanding service to Mariposa County.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County this 22nd day of April, 2003, by unanimous vote.

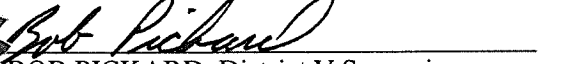

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