

MARIPOSA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO 90-214

WHEREAS, The State of California has enacted mandatory reporting laws which require a variety of medical and non-medical professionals to report suspected cases of elder and dependent adult abuse to the County Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, the resultant increases in reporting cases of elder and dependent adult abuse have dramatically impacted the County's ability to appropriately investigate abuse reports and provide emergency protective services to ensure the safety of abused elders and dependent adults brought to the attention of the County; and

WHEREAS, during 1989 the County of Mariposa received one hundred and twenty seven (127) referrals for Adult Protective Services several of these were reports of victims of physical abuse or persons in circumstances likely to cause death or grave bodily harm; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has not provided any increase in funding for Adult Protective Services programs to address increased abuse reports to County agencies; and

WHEREAS, the lack of State funding for APS has forced counties to devote increasing amounts of county funds to protect elders and dependent adults who have been abused and put counties in a position of serious liability for failing to respond to abuse reports brought to their attention; and

WHEREAS, SB 83 has been introduced by Senator Herschel Rosenthal to establish and fund critically needed 24-hour Emergency Response Services to be delivered by County Department of Social Services to protect elder and dependent adult victims of abuse;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors strongly endorses and support SB 83 (Rosenthal); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors transmits copies of this resolution to all members of the County's legislative delegation, to the Governor of the State of California, to the Secretary of the Health and Welfare Agency, to the State Director of Social Services and the State Director of Finance.

ON A MOTION BY Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Supervisor Punte, the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, State of California, this 1st day of May, 1990, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: PUNTE, ERICKSON, RADANOVICH, TABER

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: BAGGETT

BY:

George P. Radanovich
GEORGE P. RADANOVICH, VICE CHAIRMAN
ARTHUR G. BAGGETT, Chairman
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

Margie Williams
MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Jeffrey G. Green
JEFFREY G. GREEN, County Counsel