



RESOLUTION NO .

Resolution of The County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors Supporting Funding for Marshall Gold Discovery Historic State Park

WHEREAS, James W. Marshall discovered gold in 1848 on the South Fork of the American River in Coloma, that rightfully considers itself the starting point of El Dorado County history and marked a turning point in the history of the entire State of California; and

WHEREAS, when El Dorado County was originally organized, Coloma was designated the County seat, a distinction lost to Placerville in 1857, and those first few years after the gold discovery, Coloma was the destination for most of California's new arrivals, resulting in the greatest mass movement of people and economic growth in the West during the ensuing decades; and

WHEREAS, the first water ditch in El Dorado County and in California was built in Coloma, stretching six miles, allowing for Sutter's saw mill to work at full speed from 1849 to approximately 1853; and

WHEREAS, over the next fifty years some 125 million ounces of gold were taken from the hills of California and in the course of its 161 year history, the greater wealth for El Dorado County and California, was the discovery of California's climate, resources and favorable location for world trade that plays a major role in our nations overall economic well being; and

WHEREAS, the replica of the original Sawmill and historic buildings are visited annually by more than 70,000 school children and thousands of people from throughout the world who are able to experience the living history of Coloma "Where it all Began"; and

WHEREAS, many view El Dorado County as "The Gateway" to scenic Lake Tahoe and Mountains of the Sierra Nevada and the Board of Supervisors of The County of El Dorado believe that Marshall Gold Discovery Historic State Park remains the destination point for visitors who bring additional tourism and recreation dollars to the surrounding cities and communities located within the greater Tri-County of Sacramento.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors requests the State of California continue to fund Marshall Gold Discovery Historic State Park and remove the Park from the proposed closure list.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of The County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 25th day of August, 2009, by a unanimous vote of said Board.

Attest:

Suzanne Allen de Sanchez, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Ron Briggs, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

