THOMAS D. ALLMAN Sheriff-Coroner



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County of Mendocino Office Of The Sheriff-Coroner

April 12, 2019

Board of Supervisors Mendocino County 501 Low Gap Road, Rm 1010 Ukiah, CA 95482

Re: Road Naming

Dear Members of the Board,

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office is tasked with providing public safety to the unincorporated areas of the county. Mendocino County has an approximate 3,506 square mile area and its massive rural geography is challenging to service.

This is especially true when properties/homes are located on unnamed roads. Often times our Deputies are dispatched to respond to such properties/homes during critical 911 calls for services and during times of nature disaster (fire, flood, etc.). The timeliness of locating these properties/homes is of the utmost importance for the protection of life and unnamed roads often result in significant arrival delays for the Deputies.

Restructuring the County Code requirements to grant public safety organizations the ability to resolve the existence of unnamed roads for the purpose of increased public safety is strongly supported by Sheriff Thomas D. Allman.

Former Chief Colin Wilson's proposal is based on his professional experience and logic. Without question, any implementation of the proposal would help to dramatically increase the level of public safety provided by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

I ask that you seriously consider and adopt Chief Wilson's proposal and code changes.

Sincerely,

THOMAS ALLMAN SHERIFF-CORONER By: _______ Van Patter #1184

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