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**To:** The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Edward N. Bonner, Sheriff-Coroner-Marshall  
**Date:** February 28, 2012  
**Subject:** Extend sunset for vehicle registration fees for the Placer Regional Auto Theft Task Force operations

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**Action Requested**

Approve the attached Resolution (Exhibit A) authorizing the extension of Resolution #2007-79 to continue the collection of fees on vehicles registered in Placer County pursuant to Vehicle Code Section 9250.14 and Vehicle Code Section 9400.1 for the purpose of funding the Placer Regional Auto Theft Task Force (PRATTF), with a sunset date of January 1, 2018.

**Background**

On March 20, 2007 your Board approved Resolution 2007-79 for the collection of a one-dollar (\$1) annual vehicle registration fee on vehicles registered in Placer County pursuant to Vehicle Code Section 9250.14 for the purpose of establishing a countywide vehicle theft task force. In addition to the one-dollar fee, commercial vehicles would be subject to an additional fee of two dollars (\$2). This resolution contained a sunset date of March 20, 2012 as Vehicle Code section 9250.14 also contained a sunset date of 2012. On October 11, 2009 Vehicle Code Section 9250.14 was amended to extend the date to January 1, 2018. We are requesting this new Resolution be adopted with the same dates to comply with the current statute.

Vehicle Code section 9250.14 was enacted for the purpose of vehicle theft deterrence, investigation, and prosecution and for deterrence of driving under the influence. As indicated in our Annual Report provided to the Board on August 23, 2011, the presence of a Regional Task Force has a direct benefit to every vehicle owner by significantly impacting criminal activity related to automobile thefts. This impact also continues to influence the overall insurance rates determined for County residents, although residents may not necessarily see a drop in their individual insurance rates, since there are many other factors that comprise the rate structure.

**Fiscal Impact**

The annual revenue for this fund is approximately \$340,000 and is utilized to operate the Placer Regional Auto Theft Task Force program. There is no impact to the General Fund.

# Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of:

Resol. No: \_\_\_\_\_

Extend the previously approved resolution #2007-79 that expires on March 20, 2012 to continue to collect a one-dollar (\$1) annual vehicle registration fee on vehicles registered in Placer County pursuant to Vehicle Code Section 9250.14 for the purpose of funding the Placer Regional Auto Theft Task Force. In addition to the one-dollar fee, commercial vehicles would be subject to an additional fee of two dollars (\$2).

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

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Jennifer Montgomery  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:  
Clerk of said Board

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**WHEREAS,** Section 9250.14 of the California Vehicle Code provides for the collection of one dollar (\$1) to be paid at the time of registration or renewal of every non-exempt vehicle registered in Placer County for the sole purpose of funding programs that enhance the capacity of local law enforcement and prosecutors to deter, investigate and prosecute vehicle theft crimes; and.

**WHEREAS,** a previous resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on March 20, 2007 for the collection of these fees to form the Placer Regional Auto Theft Task Force, and at that time the statutory sunset date was set for 2012, with the resolution conforming to that sunset, and;

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**WHEREAS**, the statutory sunset date for the fee was extended to 2018 by legislative adoption of AB 674 in the 2011-12 legislative session and subsequent approval by the Governor on September 1, 2011, and;

**WHEREAS**, an annual report is presented to the Board of Supervisors and submitted to the State that includes expenditures and revenue information; a summary of vehicle theft abatement activities, statistics on vehicle thefts, recoveries and values, and program activities funded under VC 9250.14.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Placer County Board of Supervisors continues to approve of the Placer County Regional Auto theft Task Force that is led by the California Highway patrol and staffed by participating law enforcement and allied agencies; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that this Board hereby extends the sunset date to conform to current law and formally requests the State of California Department of Motor Vehicles to continue the collection of the one dollar (\$1) fee as specified in Vehicle Code Section 9250.14 on all non-exempt vehicles registered in Placer County and in addition, upon the implementation of the permanent trailer identification plate program, to collect the two dollar (\$2) fee as specified in Vehicle Code Section 9400.1; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the funds generated by these fees continue to be placed in an interest-bearing Placer County Regional Auto Theft Task Force trust fund established by the County Auditor-Controller, and be used to fund staff and equipment in support of the task force for the purpose of deterring, investigation and prosecuting vehicle theft; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the fee will be repealed as of January 1, 2018 unless the Legislature extends the authorization for the fee to a later date, in which case the fee will be repealed as of the date the statutory authorization for the fee expires.

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