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**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** R. Scott Owens, District Attorney *R. Scott Owens*  
**DATE:** November 5, 2013  
**SUBJECT:** Adopt a Resolution for the District Attorney's Office

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Adopt a resolution authorizing the District Attorney, to sign the Grant Award Agreement for the Victim/Witness Assistance Program Grant in the amount of \$186,998 for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

**BACKGROUND**

The District Attorney's Office has been awarded funding by the Victim/Witness Assistance Program Grant, administered by California's Governor's Office of Emergency Services. This Agreement allows the District Attorney's Victim/Witness Unit to provide advocacy services to victims and witnesses of crimes in Placer County. Monies allocated to this program are for one year, and require a resolution approval in order to receive the funds.

Acceptance of this grant offers financial support to the Victim/Witness Assistance Program in order to help with costs associated with two victim witness advocates, two legal secretaries and one administrative legal clerk. The victim witness advocates provide all of the mandated direct services, court accompaniment, transportation, data management, perform Multidisciplinary Interview Center advocacy, as well as assist with applications for compensation and benefits to the victims and witnesses of crime. The legal secretaries are training to become victim advocates, and the administrative legal clerk performs all aspects of clerical support.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

This grant award allocates funding for one year in the amount of \$186,998. Acceptance of these grant funds requires a General Fund match of \$218,522, for a total program amount of \$405,520, which is included in the District Attorney's FY 2013-14 Budget.

Attachment-Resolution  
Available for review at Clerk of the Board-Contract Agreement

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

**In the matter of:**

**Resol. No: .....**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
R. SCOTT OWENS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY,  
TO SIGN, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD  
OF SUPERVISORS, AN AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM AND THE COUNTY OF PLACER  
AGREEMENT #VW12300310**

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

**Ayes:  
Noes:  
Absent:**

**Signed and approved by me after its passage.**

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**Chair, Board of Supervisors**

**Attest:  
Clerk of said Board**

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**WHEREAS**, the District Attorney desires to undertake a certain project designated as the Victim/Witness Assistance Program Grant Funding administered by the Governor's Office of California Emergency Management Agency (hereinafter referred to as Cal EMA). The program services are primary to provide funding for comprehensive assistance programs for victims and witnesses of crime and to establish centers to handle the trauma experienced by victims and witnesses thereby allowing for faster and more complete recovery from the effects of crime.

**WHEREAS**, the Cal EMA, has authorized and allocated \$186,998 for fiscal year 2013/2014 to implement this project subject to the execution of a Grant Award Agreement for the Victim/Witness Assistance Program Grant and acknowledgment of the terms and conditions contained therein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the District Attorney of the County of Placer is authorized, to submit the attached agreement to Cal EMA and is authorized to sign for purposes of making any extension or amendment thereof.