RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AND ACCEPT DONATIONS TO THE
JOE ELY MEMORIAL FUND

Whereas, Joe Ely was Fire Management Officer on the Mendocino National Forest in the 1950’s and was responsible for the practical use of agricultural aircraft in delivering fire retardant to wildfires that began the present day air tanker program used by all wildland fire fighting agencies; and

Whereas, in 1980 a plaque was erected and dedicated at the Willows Airport commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the first air tanker retardant drop that includes likenesses of the seven original air tanker pilots and Joe Ely and rededicated in 2005 on the 50th Anniversary; and

Whereas, the County of Glenn will be constructing a new entrance to the Willows Airport and plans to relocate the Air Tanker Plaque near the entrance to the airport in a more public place; and

Whereas, Joe Ely passed away in Chico California on Monday March 20, 2006 at the age of 94 and his family requested that a Memorial Fund be established for the relocation and maintenance of the Air Tanker Plaque at the Willows Airport.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Glenn County Board of Supervisors does hereby order the following:

1. The Director of Finance is directed to establish and accept donations to the Joe Ely Memorial Fund #02630000.
2. The fund shall be interest bearing
3. Appropriations shall be adopted by the Board of Supervisors for release of funds.
4. These funds shall be used for the relocation and maintenance of the 25th Anniversary Air Tanker Plaque and monument located at the Willows Airport.

This resolution was passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Glenn at a regular meeting thereof on the 4th day of April 2006, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Bungartz, Freeman, Amaro, McGowan, and Hansen (Chairman)
NOES: None
ABSENT OR ABSTAIN: None

CHAIRMAN, Board of Supervisors
Glenn County, California

ATTEST:

DAVID SHOFMAKER, County Administrative Officer
and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Glenn County, California

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

THOMAS C. AGIN, County Counsel
Glenn County, California