

A COUNTY RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE  
AND DECLARING MAY 8 1989  
AS TORRANCE COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE DAY  
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WHEREAS, the federal Smith-Lever Act was passed on May 8, 1914, creating a nationwide system to "disseminate useful and practical information in agriculture, home economics and closely related areas, to the people"; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature authorized the appropriation of state funds for the Cooperative Extension Service in 1915; and

WHEREAS, the 1917 New Mexico legislature passed the "County Agent Law" which amended the original legislation and authorized appropriation of county funds for support of extension work; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Extension Service has faculty and staff in Torrance County to conduct educational programs; and

WHEREAS, Cooperative Extension is a joint endeavor of county, state and federal entities for funding and program determination; and

WHEREAS, Torrance County Cooperative Extension Service programs in agriculture, home economics, 4-H and youth development and economic development are determined by local advisory committees, with more than 35 citizens assisting; and

WHEREAS, Cooperative Extension programs are available to all the citizens of the state and are developed from research based information from the land grant university, New Mexico State University and its College of Agriculture and Home Economics; and

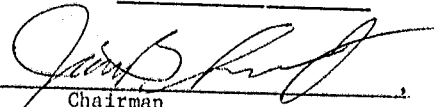
WHEREAS, more than 7400 contacts were made with Torrance County clientele in 1987-88, including farmers, ranchers, homeowners, families and youth; and

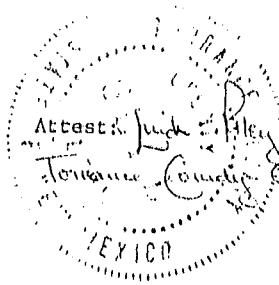
WHEREAS, the Cooperative Extension Service expands its outreach through the use of trained volunteers, including 75 volunteer 4-H leaders and 4 master volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Extension Service continues to address timely and relevant issues facing families and agriculture in the state of New Mexico;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Torrance County Board of Commissioners that the Cooperative Extension Service be recognized for its 75 years of serving the needs of the people and be directed to continue to provide research based educational programs that will help the citizens of the county to resolve problems, improve their quality of life and strengthen the state's economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that May 8, 1989, is declared as Cooperative Extension Service Day across Torrance County.

  
Chairman  
Torrance County Commission

Attest:  W. R. ...  
Torrance County Clerk