



RESOLUTION #94-24

The Governing Body of Torrance County Board of Commissioners meeting in regular session April 11, 1994; does hereby resolve the following:

Bill R. Williams, Chairman, Torrance County Commission is hereby authorized to file an application for a New Mexico Rural Development Response Council Planning and Technical Assistance (NMRDRC) Grant.

WHEREAS, comprehensive planning is needed to inventory county assets and establish long range goals which consider the historic custom and culture regarding land use and management in Torrance County; and

WHEREAS, such programs are vital to adequate provision of needed benefits to citizens to assure a sound economic basis for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Torrance County has been invited to apply for planning and technical financial assistance, and is eligible to apply.

NOW, therefore be it resolved that Torrance County grant authorization for the Chairman, or his agent, and the County Clerk to execute the appropriate application.

Bill R. Williams
Chairman

Bill Carter
Member

Ray B. Lopez
Member

ATTEST

Carla Claxton
Torrance County Clerk



RESOLUTION # 94-25

WHEREAS, unfunded mandates on state and local governments such as those found under the Clean Waters Act, Endangered Species Act and Clean Air Act have increased significantly in recent years; and

WHEREAS, federal mandates requires state and local governments to perform duties with out consideration of local circumstance, costs, or capacities, and subject municipalities to civil or criminal penalties for noncompliance; and

WHEREAS, federal mandates require compliance regardless of other pressing local needs and priorities affecting the health, welfare, and safety of local citizens; and

WHEREAS, excessive federal burdens on local governments force a combination of higher local taxes and fees and/or reduce local services on citizens and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, federal mandates are too often inflexible, one-size-fits-all requirements that impose unrealistic time frames and specify procedures or facilities where less costly alternatives might be just as effective; and

WHEREAS, existing mandates impose harsh pressures on local budgets and the federal government has imposed a freeze upon funding to help compensate for any new mandates; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties, the International City Managers Association, the National League of Cities, and the U.S. Conference of Mayors, in conjunction with other state and local governmental representatives, have begun a national public education campaign to help citizens understand and then reduce the burden and inflexibility of unfunded mandates, beginning with National Unfunded Mandates Day on October 27, 1993,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Torrance County endorses the efforts of national, state and local governments to fully inform citizens about the impacts of federal mandates on state and local governments and the tax basis of their citizens;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Torrance County work to educate members of Congress about the impacts of federal mandates and actions necessary to reduce their burden on our citizens, as well as burdens on local and state governments;