



RESOLUTION 94-36

A resolution for clarification as to all forms of ownership of lands currently being managed by the Department of Interior and Department of Agriculture United States of America within the boundaries of the state of New Mexico and more specifically the County of Torrance.

WHEREAS, the United States Federal Government, Department of Interior and Department of Agriculture are now regulating and managing certain public lands within the borders of the State of New Mexico and the County of Torrance, and:

WHEREAS, after review of the United States Constitution, more specifically the authorization for the federal government of the United States to own, hold, or exert its dominion over any public lands except for whatever land it needs for its own government purpose as specified in Article 1, Sec 8, Clause 17 in compliance with Article 4, Section 3, Clause 2, and:

WHEREAS, as Article 2 of the Articles of Confederation each State retains its sovereignty, freedom, and independence, and every power, jurisdiction and right which is not expressly delegated to the United States Congress and Article 9 provides that no State should be deprived territory for the benefit of the United States, and Article 13 provides for the establishment of States and permanent government therein, and for their admission to share in the Federal Councils on a equal footing with the original States, and Article 5 stating that each State shall be admitted into the Congress of the United States on equal footing with the original States in all respects whatsoever:

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States, effective on March 4, 1789, contains Article 6, Section 1 that states all debts contracted and engagements entered into before the adoption of this Constitution shall be as valid against the United States under this Constitution as under the Confederation, and:

WHEREAS, the Torrance County Commissioners, New Mexico are sworn to duly uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Mexico, and:

WHEREAS, by reference to the previous documentation contained herein the Torrance County Commission is unclear as to ownership and jurisdiction of lands presently administered by the Department of Interior and Department of Agriculture within the bounds of Torrance County,



THEREFORE, be it resolved that the commissioners and citizens of Torrance County respectfully request official copies of the documents that give the Department of Interior and the Department of Agriculture as agents for the United States federal government the title and associated rights to the lands these two agencies now administer in Torrance County in order that the Commissioners of Torrance County and its citizens will report and govern according to oath and law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 11 DAY OF July
1994.



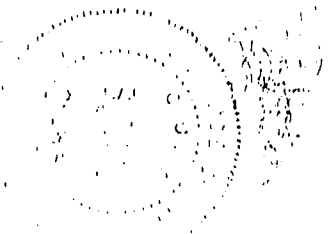
Bill Williams, Chairman



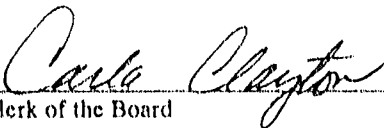
Bill Carter, Member



Roy Spencer, Member



ATTEST:



Carla Clayton
Clerk of the Board