



RESOLUTION # 94-45

A resolution identifying and guaranteeing the right of the citizens of Torrance County to protect public health and private property, and;

WHEREAS, Article II, Sections 4 and 5 of the Constitution of the State of New Mexico state " All persons are born equally free, and have certain natural, inherent, and inalienable rights, among which are the rights of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and of seeking and obtaining safety and happiness. The rights, privileges and immunities, civil, political and religious guaranteed to the people of New Mexico by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo shall be preserved inviolate, and";

WHEREAS; It is the custom, culture and heritage of Torrance County residents to use steel jawed traps and snares as tools for acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and of seeking and obtaining safety and happiness, and;

WHEREAS; we the Torrance County Commissioners have determined that no international, Federal or State agency or entity can impose or enforce any restriction on the use of these tools.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 11 DAY OF October, 1994.

Bill Williams
Bill Williams, Chairman

Bill Carter, Member

Roy Spencer
Roy Spencer, Member

Attest:

Carla Clayton
Clerk of the Board



RESOLUTION # 94-44

A resolution guaranteeing the right of all citizens to keep and bear arms. This being a resolution for clarification of the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed, and;

WHEREAS; Article II, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of New Mexico, states that, "No law shall abridge the right of the citizens to keep and bear arms for security and defense, for lawful hunting, and recreational use, and for other lawful purposes." (Nothing herein shall be held to permit the carrying of concealed weapons.) No municipality or county shall regulate, in any way, an incident of the right to keep and bear arms;

WHEREAS; after careful review of the New Mexico State Constitution, we the Commissioners of Torrance County, find no restrictions concerning shoulder held or hand held firearms, or any restrictions concerning caliber or style of weapons to be owned, kept, or borne by the people;

WHEREAS; Amendment II, of the Constitution of the United States, states that, "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed", and;

WHEREAS; after careful review, we, the Commissioners of Torrance County, find no prohibition and/or restrictions in the United States Constitution concerning types of firearms that may be owned or kept by the citizens of the United States of America, and;

WHEREAS; Article II, Section 5 of the New Mexico State Constitution states, "The rights, privileges and immunities, civil, political and religious, guaranteed to the people of New Mexico by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo shall be preserved inviolate, and;

WHEREAS; after careful review we, the Commissioners of Torrance County, find that it is our God given right, as guaranteed by the New Mexico Constitution and by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, to protect our freedoms, political, religious and civil, from all enemies, foreign and domestic, implementing any means necessary to achieve these ends. We hold this right inviolate, and;

WHEREAS; there are forces in our country that are striving to take away our right to keep and bear arms;