



TORRANCE COUNTY RESOLUTION # 96-7

- WHEREAS, New Mexico is second in the nation in the number of DWI fatalities per capita;
- WHEREAS, a 1995 study by the New Mexico Traffic Safety Bureau found that the states which ban drive-up window sales have a drunk driving fatality rate that is 14.5% lower than the states which permit them;
- WHEREAS, sales of liquor at drive-up liquor windows send the wrong message - namely that drinking and driving go hand in hand;
- WHEREAS, DWI fatalities have decreased in McKinley County from 32 fatalities in 1991, the year before the citizens there voted to close drive-up liquor windows by a 4-1 margin, to 13 fatalities in 1995;
- WHEREAS, none of the drive-up liquor window operators in McKinley County have gone out of business since the windows closed. In fact, Joe DiGregorio, a former owner of two drive-up windows in Gallup has testified to the Legislature that his total sales went up after he closed his windows because customers make "impulse" purchases of other products like candy bars and potato chips;
- WHEREAS, closing drive up liquor windows by local option election is supported by Attorney General Tom Udall, Torrance County DWI Planning Council, among others;



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NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Torrance County Commission respectfully requests that Santa Fe's legislative delegation actively work to pass legislation that will give the citizens of Torrance County the same right it granted the citizens of McKinley County: The right to simply conduct a local election to determine whether to close drive up liquor windows in our own community;

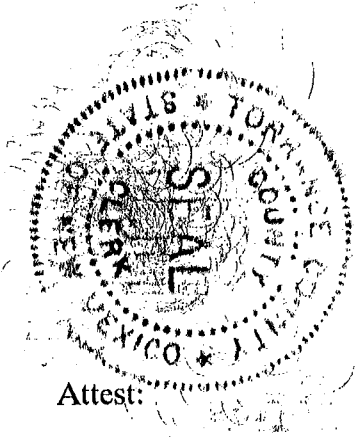
ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 24 DAY OF January, 1996.

Torrance County Commission

Bill Williams

Rodger Rayner

Roy Spencer



Attest:

Clerk of the Board