

**TORRANCE COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**  
**RESOLUTION NO: 2002-21**  
**LIMITING OPEN BURNING IN THE UNINCORPORATED**  
**AREAS OF TORRANCE COUNTY**

**WHEREAS, the danger of brush fires, grass fires, forest fires and structure fires is extremely high in the State of New Mexico and especially Torrance County and the surrounding jurisdictions; and,**

**WHEREAS, current fire conditions such as relative humidity, weather and fuel content and condition are extremely high in Torrance County; and,**

**WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds, based upon current drought indices published by the national weather service and other information supplied by the United States forest service and the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, that severe drought conditions affect the unincorporated areas of Torrance County; and,**

**WHEREAS, the possibility of extreme fire situations will severely tax current local, state and federal resources; and,**

**WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that there exists an immediate danger to the public health, safety, and welfare of Torrance County.**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THAT:**

**Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby declares that Torrance County is suffering from extremely or serious drought conditions and High fire hazards represent a significant immediately threat to the Peace, safety, health and welfare of Torrance County.**

**Section 2. The Following types of open burning shall be prohibited:**

- A. Campfires;**
- B. Open fires;**
- C. Open Burning of vegetation or rubbish; and,**
- D. Any other smoke producing substance and material that Creates a fire safety hazard. (Reference Regulation #301 of the Ambient Air Quality Standards and Air Quality Control Regulation).**

**Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION**

Pursuant to NMSA 1978 4-37-9-C (Cum. Supp. 1999), the Board Of County Commissioners hereby declares it is necessary for the Public peace, health, safety and welfare that this Resolution take Effect immediately after passage. This Resolution shall be rescinded When favorable conditions exist. Accordingly, this Resolution shall Become effective immediately on its passage, recordation and Authentication, as provided by NMSA 1978, 4-37-9 (Cum. Supp. 1999).

**Section 4. ENFORCEMENT**

The Sheriff's Department of Torrance County shall have the authority To enforce this Resolution.

**Section 5. PENALTIES**

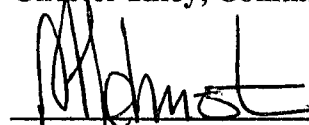
Any violation of this Resolution shall be deemed a misdemeanor and Punishable by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) And/or up to 90 days in jail.

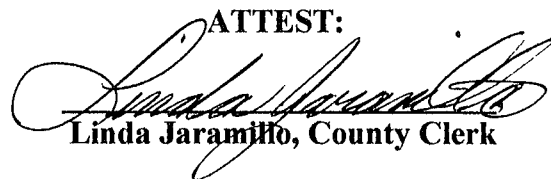
**PROCLAIMED AND ADOPTED THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2002.**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF TORRANCE COUNTY**

  
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Bill Williams, Chairman

  
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Chester Riley, Commissioner

  
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Douglas Johnston, Commissioner

ATTEST:  
  
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Linda Jaramillo, County Clerk



# Torrance County Area Plan

## 2002-2003