



RESOLUTION NO. 2003-15
A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A FEE FOR THE IMPORTATION OF PRAIRIE DOGS INTO
TORRANCE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the rodents known as Prairie Dogs have overpopulated areas close to our schools and other human activities, and

WHEREAS, Torrance County and the United States Department of Agriculture are engaged in engineering to reduce the population of said rodents, and

WHEREAS, the rodents are known carriers of bubonic plague, monkey pox and other diseases, and

WHEREAS, Prairie Dog burrows constitute a genuine hazard for livestock, and

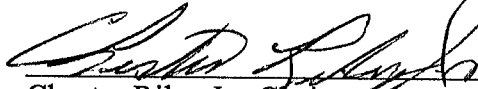
WHEREAS, Prairie Dogs are reportedly being sold as pets in New York City at prices reported over \$100;

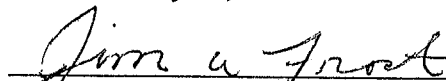
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Torrance County Commission expressly prohibits the geographic relocation of Prairie Dogs into the county unless a fee of \$100 per animal be donated to the Regional Animal Control Shelter upon its introduction into the fair County of Torrance.

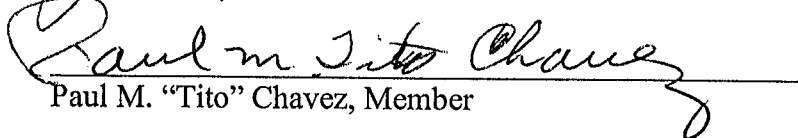
IN ADDITION, for the above mentioned reasons, residents of Torrance County are encouraged to allow our own native Prairie Dogs free and unrestricted passage to Albuquerque to take advantage of the free handouts and benefit sales conducted by food markets and residents of that fair city.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of June, 2003

TORRANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Chester Riley Jr., Chairman


Jim W. Frost, Member


Paul M. "Tito" Chavez, Member



ATTEST:


Linda Jaramilla
County Clerk

6-11-03
Date