



**TORRANCE COUNTY
RESOLUTION #2004-22**

Full Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Funding

WHEREAS, Congress has recognized its responsibility to compensate counties for the property-tax exempt federal land within their boundaries, by enacting the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Act of 1976; and

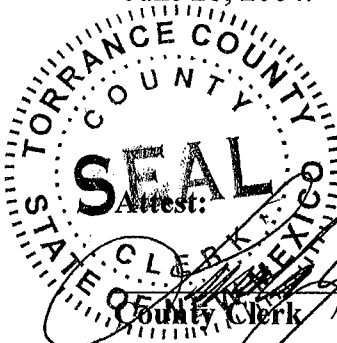
WHEREAS, the costs to counties of providing services related to the presence of federal lands within their boundaries exceeds the PILT payment appropriated by Congress each year; and

WHEREAS, the PILT payment continues to all short of the full payment authorized by the PILT Act itself; and

WHEREAS, although the United States is the largest landowner in the State of New Mexico, the Congress each year falls short of the full payment authorized by the PILT Act; and should pay its fair share toward providing general government services at the local level,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Torrance County Commission believes it is the responsibility of Congress to fully fund the PILT program in FY 2005 and each year thereafter.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the governing body at its meeting of
June 28, 2004.



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