



**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-32**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-PURPOSE TRAIL UTILIZING THE FORMER RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN MORIARTY AND ESTANCIA**

**WHEREAS**, the former railroad alignment between Moriarty and Estancia lies parallel to the NM41 right-of-way; and

**WHEREAS**, the characteristics of this stretch of land, its north-south alignment, and the connectivity it provides between Estancia and Moriarty are all conducive to the development and utilization of a multi-purpose trail in this corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, this corridor was identified in the 1998 Salt Missions Trail Scenic Byways Corridor Management Plan and in the subsequent 2003 Torrance County Comprehensive Land Use Plan as a potential historic trail; and

**WHEREAS**, a trails facility in this corridor meets the goals and objectives of the Mid-Regional Planning Organization Long Range Transportation Plan for the four-county area; and

**WHEREAS**, providing a trails connection along this 17-mile tract would conserve energy by providing a sage opportunity for residents in the corridor to utilize alternative modes of transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, providing a bicycle facility of this length in our flat, high-desert area has the potential to attract national and international cycling-based tourism to the region; and

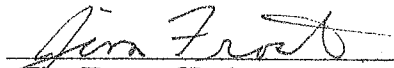
**WHEREAS**, providing a recreational facility which links these rural communities will produce positive health impact by providing sage opportunities for exercise; and

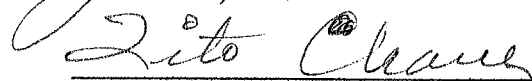
**WHEREAS**, the City of Moriarty, Town of Estancia, and Torrance County would all benefit socially, economically, and culturally from the location of a multi-modal trail along this alignment;

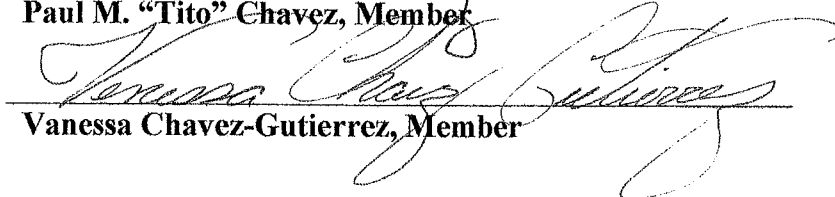
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY TORRANCE COUNTY COMMISSION,** that it hereby indicates its support for the construction of a multi-purpose trail facility which utilizes the former railroad right-of-way between the Town of Estancia and the City of Moriarty along NM41.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2009.

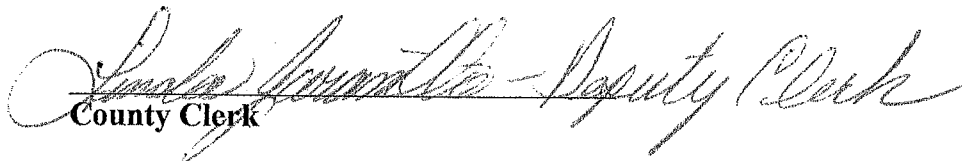
**TORRANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
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**ATTEST:**

  
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**County Clerk**