



**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-22**

**A RESOLUTION DEDICATING VALLEY IRRIGATION ROAD  
AS "DWI MEMORIAL BOULEVARD"**

**WHEREAS**, Each year drunk and drugged driving leads to one death every 33 minutes, one injury every two minutes and 1.5 million arrests nationally; and,

**WHEREAS**, motor vehicle crashes kill over 40,000 people and injure 3 million every year at a cost to society of some \$150 billion annually; and,

**WHEREAS**, alcohol-related crashes account for approximately 40 percent of those deaths and injuries; and,

**WHEREAS**, for thousands of families across the nation, every day is a sad time to remember loved ones they lost to an impaired driver; and,

**WHEREAS**, community-based programs involving consumer education, effective laws, and strong law enforcement have been proven to be successful in reducing impaired driving; and,

**WHEREAS, THE NEW MEXICO NATIONAL DWI MEMORIAL OF PERPETUAL TEARS** has been the leader in the effort to address this public problem and criminal act; and

**WHEREAS**, The Memorial of Perpetual tears is a visible statement to the world expressing what words cannot, portraying U.S. fatalities and injuries caused by Driving While Impaired. The memorial presents visual evidence of pain and sorrow that cannot be denied. The memorial offers on-site National DWI Victims' recognition, and DWI education, awareness, and prevention; and,

**WHEREAS**, The New Mexico National DWI Victims' Memorial of Perpetual Tears is the one and *only* National DWI Victims' Memorial in our nation and recognizes any and all innocent victims of DWI in the U.S.; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Board of County Commissioners of Torrance County, New Mexico, considers its duty to protect our citizens from hazards such as impaired drivers of the highest priority; and,

**WHEREAS**, the community of Torrance County is a partner in that effort to make our roads and streets safer, and do hereby call upon all citizens, government agencies, business leaders, schools, and public and private institutions in Torrance County to promote awareness of the impaired driving problem, to support programs and policies to reduce the incidence of impaired driving, to promote safer and healthier behaviors regarding the use of alcohol and other drugs;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Torrance County, New Mexico, hereby joins the Memorial at the Memorial Day of Remembrance and Celebration for the victims of DWI in proclaiming May 29, 2010, to be Torrance County *Day of Remembrance and Celebration For The Victims of DWI*;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby proclaims support for the **NEW MEXICO NATIONAL DWI MEMORIAL OF PERPETUAL TEARS** by an honorary street name, designating that portion of the Torrance County roadway known as Valley Irrigation Road, from Abrahams, North, to the Memorial to be additionally signed as **"DWI MEMORIAL BOULEVARD"**

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2010.

**TORRANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

*Absent*

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**Jim Frost, Chairman**

*Tito Chavez*

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**Paul M. "Tito" Chavez, Member**

*Venessa Chavez-Gutierrez*

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**Venessa Chavez-Gutierrez, Member**

*Linda Kayser*

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**Linda Kayser, County Clerk**

*May 27 2010*

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**Date**

