



RESOLUTION NO. 2011-7

**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATION AND
PURSUIT OF REGIONALISM AMONG MEMBERS OF THE
MID-REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (MRCOG)**

WHEREAS, the member governments of the MRCOG provide a wide variety of services to the citizens throughout the region, and;

WHEREAS, with the continuing development of technology and the sharing of information, the daily lives of the citizens in the Mid Region are increasingly becoming less isolated in terms of geographic boundaries and more global in nature, and;

WHEREAS, the needs of the citizens in the Mid Region for transportation, public safety, urban and transportation planning, water use, zoning, storm water control, education, and other basic needs exceed the boundaries of the various political entities that make up our region, and;

WHEREAS, when multiple governments and organizations work together to address common issues and challenges as a region, through collaboration, the results lead to healthier and more prosperous communities, and;

WHEREAS, regionalism allows for planning across multiple county and municipal boundaries, enabling broad-based comprehensive planning for the future, and;

WHEREAS, the population of the MRCOG region is expected to increase to nearly one-million citizens by 2015, thereby impacting public infrastructure and resources including roadways, public transit, employment, and public resources; and,

WHEREAS, adopting a regional perspective recognizes that rural communities and Indian Pueblos are equally important voices in planning for the greater metro-area; and,

WHEREAS, a regional perspective will help to preserve the quality of life of the citizens within the Mid Region; and,

WHEREAS, adoption of a regional view by the member governments of the MRCOG enables collective discussions on cross-jurisdictional issues such as natural resource conservation, economic development, transportation, and other common issues; and,

WHEREAS, the representatives of the local governments and political subdivisions which constitute the membership of the MRCOG, at the Regional Partners Meeting of January 7, 2010, voiced a commitment to work on collaborative approaches to our region's future; and,

WHEREAS, the participating governments voiced a commitment to improve regional planning efforts, attend joint meetings, share intellectual capital, and collectively work to solve regional issues; and,

WHEREAS, the Mid-Region Council of Governments of New Mexico (MRCOG) is an association of local governments and special units of government within the state's third planning district established on December 11, 1969 pursuant to the authority of the Regional Planning Act; and,

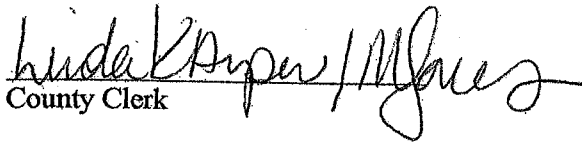
WHEREAS, the MRCOG serves member governments and organizations throughout the region; and,

WHEREAS, MRCOG has the capability to serve as the coordinating agency to further the goals set forth by the member governments of the MRCOG to adopt a regional view in establishing policy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the governments within New Mexico's Mid-Region, State Planning and Development District 3, agree to meet regularly to work collaboratively on issues of common concern. Furthermore, we recognize the MRCOG as the forum by which we will discuss and adopt the regional policies and priorities identified and described above.

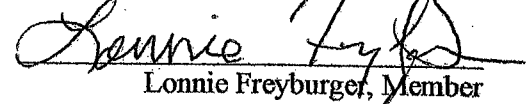
DONE, this 23rd day of February 2011.

Attest:


County Clerk

TORRANCE COUNTY COMMISSION


Venessa Chavez-Gutierrez, Chair


Lonnie Freyburger, Member


Leanne Tapia, Member

