



RESOLUTION 2011-40

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NMAC) LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 2012 SESSION

WHEREAS, Torrance County is an active member of the New Mexico Association of Counties and does regularly participate in meetings and functions to benefit not only this county but all NM county governments; and,

WHEREAS, Torrance County works with Legislative Delegation and the entire New Mexico House of Representatives and Senate to protect powers of local government, and unfunded State and Federal mandates on local governments, and increase State support and funding for needed County projects and programs to benefit all citizens; and,

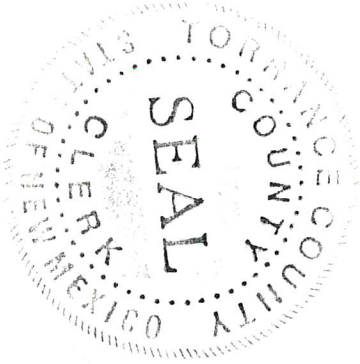
WHEREAS, the Board of Torrance County Commissioners wish to express their support for the NMAC's legislative priorities for this session to individuals and groups which represent Torrance County's Legislative interests; and,

WHEREAS, those individuals include Torrance County's Senator Pete Campos and Representative Rhonda King, as well as the NMAC and their staff.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Torrance County Board of County Commissioners supports the following NMAC priorities:

- Support for a mechanism to correct property tax inequities and resolve the current constitutionality problem.
- Allow PERA retirees to serve as poll workers without risking loss of retirement benefits.
- Decriminalize traffic violations in New Mexico.
- Increase the portion of the state Liquor Excise Tax allocated to the Local Government DWI Fund, and dedicate a portion of that increase to the Administrative Office of the Courts for state drug courts.
- Create a system to ensure that local option gross receipts taxes are remitted directly to the state, with the proper location code, to ensure payment of revenues to local government.
- Empower County Commissions to ban all fireworks in their jurisdictions during extreme drought conditions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of October, 2011.



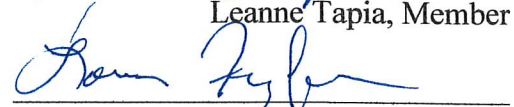
TORRANCE COUNTY COMMISSION



Venessa Chavez-Gutierrez, Chair

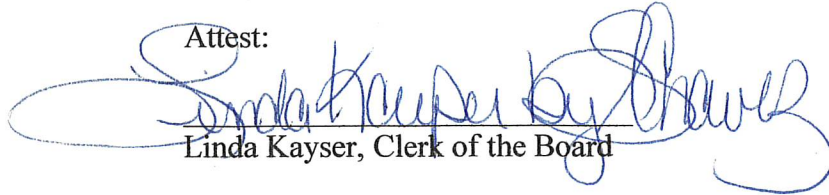


Leanne Tapia, Member



Lonnie Freyburger, Member

Attest:



Linda Kayser, Clerk of the Board