



**RESOLUTION 2015-55**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY THROUGHOUT TORRANCE COUNTY,  
AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORIARTY, NEW MEXICO DUE TO SEVERE WINTER  
STORMS AND FREEZING TEMPERATURES**

**WHEREAS**, severe winter storms and freezing temperatures beginning December 26, 2015, have caused major disruption to public infrastructure and services which threatens the health, safety and welfare of communities in and around Torrance County, New Mexico, and;

**WHEREAS**, severe winter storms have caused extreme disruption to the high-traffic volume of the Interstate, State Highways and local County Roads, and;

**WHEREAS**, severe winter storms have interrupted highway traffic throughout New Mexico having a direct impact on local and national resources, and;

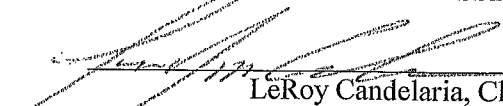
**WHEREAS**, severe winter storms have caused a high demand for emergency shelters, emergency response agency staffing and resources for displaced persons throughout the County and Municipality of Moriarty, and;

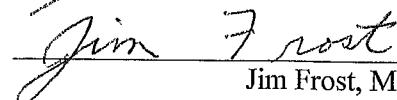
**WHEREAS**, severe winter storms have caused life threatening conditions to exist for travelers stranded by storm conditions throughout the County and Municipality of Moriarty, and;

**WHEREAS**, this emergency is of such magnitude to be beyond local control and requires the resources of the State, such that, emergency funding must be in place, sufficient and available, to allow the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to respond quickly and efficiently to the immediate needs of communities throughout Torrance County in order to minimize economic or physical harm and to take the action necessary to protect the public health, safety, welfare and property.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TORRANCE COUNTY COMMISSION** hereby declares a state of emergency to exist throughout Torrance County and the Municipality of Moriarty due to the effects of severe winter storms.

**TORRANCE COUNTY COMMISSION**

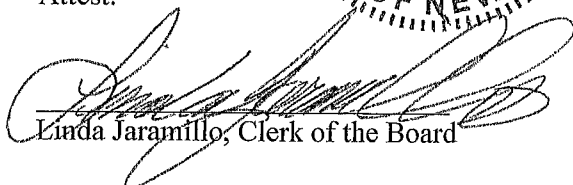
  
LeRoy Candelaria, Chair

  
Jim Frost, Member

  
Julia DuCharme, Member



Attest:

  
Linda Jaramillo, Clerk of the Board