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**TORRANCE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONERS  
RESOLUTION NO. R 2020- 3**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HONORABLE GOVERNAOR MICHELLE  
LUJAN GRISHAM POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF PRIVATE PRISON  
LEGISLATION BY REFRAINING FROM PLACING ANY SUCH LEGISLATION ON  
THE 2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION CALL**

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 72 sponsored by Representative Angelica Rubio has been pre-  
filed for the 2020 Legislative Session; and

**WHEREAS**, there are many issues surrounding the operation of prisons in New Mexico  
from living conditions to security, jobs to statutory obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 72 if signed into law would effectively end public/private  
partnerships between rural counties; and

**WHEREAS**, rural counties are charged with the statutory obligation to provide  
Constitutional detention facilities for those arrested within their jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, public/private partnerships with private operators provide facilities that  
small communities and rural counties could not otherwise provide; and

**WHEREAS**, these facilities provide hundreds of needed jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, some of the longest running court actions involving detention facilities in  
the State of New Mexico involve public bodies; and

**WHEREAS**, policy discussions involving the operation of prisons in New Mexico,  
whether they be public or private, deserve thoughtful contemplation and full, informative  
hearings; and

**WHEREAS**, thirty day sessions of the New Mexico Legislature are primarily designed  
for budgetary matters and do not provide adequate time for complicated non-budgetary matters  
such as detention reform.

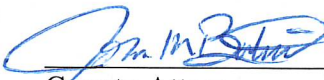
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**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of Torrance County that the Honorable Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham postpone any legislative action on House Bill 72 more appropriately taken up in a sixty day session, by not including it on the Governor's Call.


**DONE THIS 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2020.**

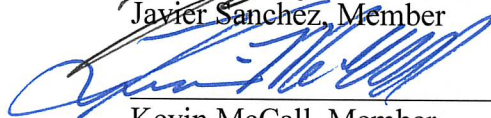
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**ATTEST:**

  
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Linda Jaramillo, County Clerk

Date: 1-8-2020

