

# **Item 11-A**

## **Resolution 2021-28:**

**Motion to Approve Emergency Proclamation Declaring Extreme or Severe Drought Conditions within the Unincorporated Portions of Torrance County and Imposing Burn Restrictions.**

**DEFERRED**



**TORRANCE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 28  
*Item Deferred.***

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING EXTREME OR SEVERE DROUGHT CONDITIONS  
WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED PORTIONS OF TORRANCE COUNTY AND  
IMPOSING BURNING RESTRICTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of Torrance County has obtained information and forecasts from the National Weather Service as well as the United States Forest Service and New Mexico State Forestry Division concerning drought conditions; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of Torrance County, pursuant to the Open Burning Ordinance, Section 4-E Burning Restrictions, has determined based on drought information that an emergency exists; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body made certain findings of the fact based upon information provided; and,

**WHEREAS**, among the findings of the Governing Body of Torrance County found that Torrance County is being affected by extreme or severe drought conditions based on current drought indices published by the National Weather Service and other information supplied by the United States Forest Service and New Mexico State Forestry Division;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, per Torrance County Ordinance No. 87-2:

- Section 1:** Extreme or severe drought conditions exist within the boundaries of Torrance County;
- Section 2:** Pursuant to aforementioned ordinance Section 4, as defined in Section 4, the following types of open fire are prohibited: "open burning", "ceremonial burning", "recreational burning";
- Section 3:** Barbequing as defined in Section 4 is permissible;

**BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Improper Handling of Fire is prohibited criminally under Section 30-17-1, NMSA 1978.

**BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED**, this resolution is effective for a period of ninety (90) days from this date, or may be lifted prior to the ninety (90) days when recommendation is made by the Fire Chief and approved by the Commission in writing.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

**TORRANCE COUNTY COMMISSION**

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**Kevin McCall, District 1**

**Attest:**

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**Ryan Schwebach, District 2**

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**LeRoy Candelaria, District 3**

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**County Clerk**

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**Janice Barela, County Manager**