

## **TORRANCE COUNTY**

**HOUSING RESOLUTION # 2000-42**

**October 25, 2000**

### **DECLARATION OF NECESSITY**

WHEREAS, it is declared that there is unsanitary or unsafe dwellings in region III, which identified in the state planning Act of Bernalillo, Sandoval, Torrance, and Valencia Counties;

WHEREAS, persons of low income, Senior Citizens, and Handicap persons are forced to reside in such unsanitary or unsafe conditions;

WHEREAS, within region III there is a shortage of safe or sanitary housing available at affordable rates for persons of low income, Senior citizen, and Handicap persons; low income persons are forced to occupy overcrowded, congested dwellings; and these conditions cause an increase in and spread of disease and crime and constitute a menace to the health, safety, morals and welfare of the residents of the region and impair economic values;

WHEREAS, excessive and disproportionate expenditures of public funds for crime prevention and punishment, public health and safety, fire and accident protection and other public services and facilities are necessitated;

WHEREAS, private enterprise alone cannot meet the need or resolve the problem inherent in providing appropriate, safe, sanitary, and sufficient housing for persons of low income, Senior Citizens, and Handicap persons, and public participation in construction of low income housing does not compete with private enterprise;

WHEREAS, demolition, re-planning, reconstruction or renovation of unsanitary or unsafe housing or acquisition of land to provide safe and sanitary dwellings for persons of low income, Senior Citizens, and handicap persons are in the public interest and are essential state and local governmental functions requiring expenditures of public money; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that work on projects for demolition, planning, reconstruction, renovation or land acquisition for provision of safe and sanitary dwelling for persons of low income, Senior Citizen, and handicap people be started immediately in order to relieve the housing shortage that has reached emergency status, and it is a necessity that the Regional Housing Law be continued to relieve that emergency.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of County Commissioners of Torrance County is encouraged to work with SER de New Mexico and the Region III Housing Authority in support and in partnership with the office of the Governor of the State of New Mexico to help begin immediate relief of the housing shortage so that

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persons of low income, Senior Citizens and Handicap persons may live in safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.

Signed in an open meeting on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2000 by the Torrance County Board of Commissioners.

Bruce Smith

Chairman

Robert K. ...

Member

Attest:

Shirley D. ...  
Clerk of the Board

Christine ...  
Member

