A RESOLUTION CONCERNING A REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE AREA.

WHEREAS, the Torrance County Commission shares many common problems with controlling costs and protecting the environment in their solid waste management practices with other local entities in the Middle Rio Grande region; and

WHEREAS, the Torrance County Commission has for some time recognized that the potential for employing newer technology and a more regional approach to solid waste management warranted investigation; and

WHEREAS, the MRGCOG has received funding assistance through the State Legislature to conduct a regional solid waste study; and has established a Solid Waste Task Force and hired a consultant in order to carry out the evaluation of regional systems; and has rendered a Draft Report which outlines three proposed alternative regional solid waste systems for more detailed evaluation by the local governments; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity to implement a regional system with cost and environmental benefits for all residents appears feasible; and

WHEREAS, there is an opportunity to establish a regional system as part of the forthcoming relocation of a major Albuquerque and Bernalillo County landfill, provided timely expressions of public policy and support by local governments can be obtained.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners of Torrance County adopt this formal expression of their policy on participation in a regional solid waste management program as follows:

- 1. The Torrance County Commission agrees to participate in this regional approach to Solid Waste Management.
- 2. The Torrance County supports the East-West landfill option as one best suited to the needs of Torrance County.
- The Torrance County Commission agrees to support legislation to seek assistance in the acquisition and operation of landfills and other major capital investment items, such as transfer systems,

resource recovery facilities, and related equipment, associated with solid waste management systems.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this 15th day of Cugusts

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TORRANCE COUNTY