## TORRANCE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 15

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PURCHASE HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE HOUSE BILL SHTD EMERGENCY RULE 93.5, AMENDMENT 1, AND THE ANNUAL HARDSHIP PROGRAM 18 NMAC27.4

WHEREAS, the 42<sup>nd</sup> Legislature of the State of New Mexico has provided up to \$500,000.00 of the Local Government Road Fund to be expended in Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026 for the purchase of New Mexico Department of Transportation surplus equipment for local governments; and

WHEREAS, it is our understanding that if a county can prove financial hardship, it may be approved for an amount of up to \$25,000 towards the purchase of highway equipment; and

WHEREAS, staff believe that the County of Torrance continues to experience financial hardship, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Finance & Administration, Local Government Division, can certify the financial hardship of our county and the need for financial assistance.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** the Board of County Commissioners of Torrance County is hereby requesting financial assistance offered by the New Mexico Department of Transportation to purchase surplus highway equipment, through the emergency rule action Pursuant to the State Highway Commission in accordance with the New Mexico Legislature House Bill SHTD Emergency Rule 93.5 Amendment 1 and/or Annual Hardship Program 18 NMAC27.4

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 26 DAY OF march, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TORRANCE COUNTY:

Ryan Schwebach, Chair, District 2

Kevin McCall, Vice Chair, District 1

Linda Jaramillo, Member, District 3

ATTEST:

Sylvia Chavez, Torrance County efer

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael Garcia, Torrance County Attorney