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**TORRANCE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NO. R 2022- 2**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TORRANCE COUNTY DISTRICTS
BASED UPON THE 2020 FEDERAL CENSUS**

WHEREAS, Torrance County entered into a professional services agreement with New Mexico Demographic Research, LLC to assist the County in assembling the most recent US Census data and to analyze the same to bring Torrance County’s district boundaries into compliance with state, federal and local law; and

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 4-38-3(A) states, “A county having a population greater than thirteen thousand, according to the most recent federal decennial census, shall be divided by the board of county commissioners into as many compact single-member districts as there are board members to be elected. The districts shall be as equal in population as possible and numbered respectively to correspond to the number of board members... The division of the county into single-member districts shall be made once immediately following each federal decennial census”; and

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 1-3-13 states, “A local public body shall establish districts in which the number of persons in each district, as shown in the most recent federal decennial census, is as nearly equal in population as practical, but within five percent of the mean”; and

WHEREAS, Torrance County Commission is a board that governs a county of more than 13,000 inhabitants – the 2020 population is 15,045 – and is also a local public body subject to redistricting and whose governing body members are not elected at the regular local election, which was held November 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Torrance County has three (3) county commission districts; by statute each district has an ideal population of 5,015; to meet the five (5) percent requirement, a district may deviate from the ideal by no more than 250 people, not fewer than 4,765 and not greater than 5,265; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing all precinct changes in Torrance County and resolving questions regarding the borders of Precinct 14, New Mexico Demographic Research determined that the three (3) existing Torrance County Commission Districts as currently constituted are within five (5) percent of the mean; District 1 population is 5,216 (deviation of +201); District 2 is 4,807 (deviation of -208); District 3 is 5,022 (deviation of +7); and

WHEREAS, with all three (3) districts falling within the legally allowable deviation from the mean, the county is not required by statute to make changes to the current districts; and

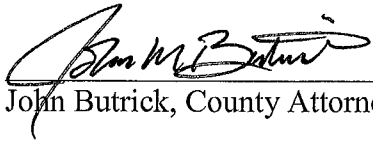
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Torrance County meets the New Mexico statutory requirements for districts that must be balanced by population, and it also

1 meets all other requirements for county commission redistricting; therefore, the Torrance County
2 Board of County Commissioners shall maintain the current districts.

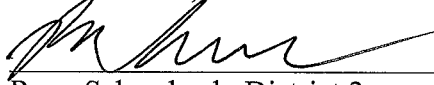
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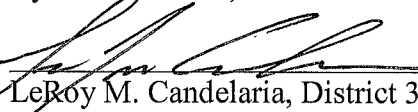
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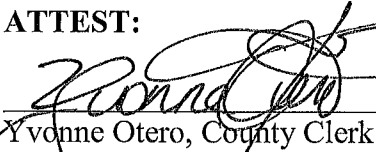
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10 John Butrick, County Attorney


11 Kevin McCall, District 1


12 Ryan Schwebach, District 2


13 LeRoy M. Candelaria, District 3
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16 **ATTEST:**

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18 Yvonne Otero, County Clerk

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20 Date: 1-12-22
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