TORRANCE COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 42

A RESOLUTION: (1) DISOLVING THE SIX TORRANCE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICTS (DISTRICT 1 -DURAN; DISTRICT 2 - INDIAN HILLS; DISTRICT 3 – MCINTOSH; DISTRICT 4 - TAJIQUE/TORREON; DISTRICT 5 – NORTH EAST TORRANCE; AND DISTRICT 6 - WILLARD); (2) APPROVING THE CREATION OF TWO FIRE DISTRICTS WHICH SHALL BE IDENTIFED AS THE NORTHERN DISTRICT (FORMERLY DISTRICTS 2, 3 AND 5) AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT (FORMERLY DISTRICTS 1, 4 AND 6); AND (3) DELEGATING SIGNATURE AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH FURTHER ACTION AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Torrance County ("BCC") met upon notice of a Regular Meeting, duly published, at the Torrance County Administration Building, which is located at 205 S 9th Ave, Estancia, NM 87016 on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 9:00am as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, The New Mexico Fire Protection Fund Law, Section 59A-53-5, NMSA 1978 as amended, authorizes the County Commissioners of any county to establish one or more county fire districts within the county; and

WHEREAS, the County of Torrance is currently divided into 6 fire districts that consist of the following: District 1 (Duran Fire District), District 2 (Indian Hills Fire District), District 3 (McIntosh Fire District), District 4 (Tajique/Torreon Fire District), District 5 (North East Torrance Fire District), and District 6 (Willard Fire District); and

WHEREAS, participation in the County's volunteer firefighter program has decreased significantly in several districts, requiring response to emergency calls to come from other districts, which decreases the ISO response requirements per district; and

WHEREAS, the Torrance County Fire Chief, in conjunction with the State of New Mexico Fire Marshall's Office, is recommending a consolidation of the Torrance County Fire Districts, which would decrease 6 districts to 2, and 1 Fire administration district. This consolidation would allow movement of county personnel, equipment and resources throughout the 2 newly established districts; and

WHEREAS, consolidation into 2 districts and 1 Fire administration would allow for more efficient fleet management and would further allow apparatus and personnel to freely be moved to facilitate departmental needs; and

WHEREAS, consolidation would unify command and control over the Fire Department in the areas of budget, training, safety and buying power of equipment; and

WHEREAS, funds received from the Fire Protection Fund of New Mexico for the benefit of the 2 newly established districts, shall be expended under the direction of the Fire Chief of Torrance County Fire and Rescue and all duly executed vouchers approved by this Commission and shall be disbursed in the same manner as other funds the County disburses; and

WHEREAS, in order to proceed with the consolidation of fire districts, the BCC must take action to dissolve the current established fire districts and subsequently take action to reestablish the fire districts into northern and southern regions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TORRANCE COUNTY that the Commission hereby dissolves the following fire districts:

- District 1 (Duran Fire District),
- District 2 (Indian Hills Fire District),
- District 3 (McIntosh Fire District),
- District 4 (Tajique/Torreon Fire District),
- District 5 (North East Torrance Fire District), and
- District 6 (Willard Fire District).

It is further resolved that the Commission hereby orders the establishment of two fire districts, which shall be identified as the Northern and Southern Fire Districts of Torrance County, and the boundaries of said districts shall be consistent with the map attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Furthermore, the Commission delegates authority to the County Manager to execute such documents and take such further action as may be necessary to implement this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 8 **DAY OF** October **, 2025.**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TORRANCE COUNTY:

Ryan Schwebach, Chair, District 2

Kevin McCall, Vice Chair, District 1

Linda Jaramillo, Member, District 3

TORRANCE COUNTY SEAL CLERK STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ATTEST:

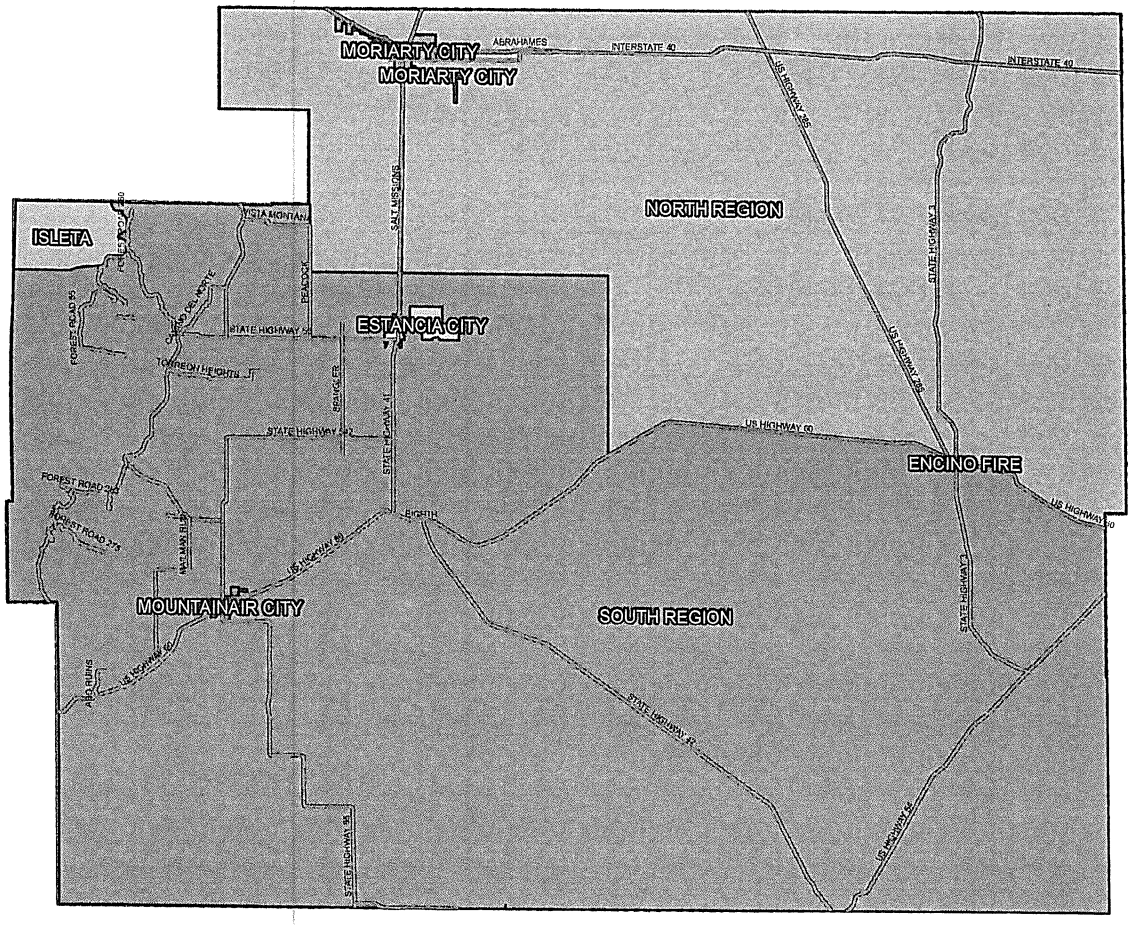
Sylvia Chavez, Torrance County Clerk

10/8/2025
Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael Garcia, Torrance County Attorney

EXHIBIT A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