

TORRANCE COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 11

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING A FIRE DANGER
EMERGENCY WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED
PORTIONS OF TORRANCE COUNTY AND IMPOSING
BURNING RESTRICTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Torrance County (“BCC”) finds that Torrance County is being affected by drought conditions based on current drought indices published by the National Weather Service and other information supplied by the United States Forest Service and New Mexico State Forestry Division; and

WHEREAS, spring months in Torrance County consist of regular high winds which pose a significant threat to fire danger; and

WHEREAS, the BCC, pursuant to the Open Burning Ordinance, Section 4-E Restricted Open Burning, has determined a risk of ongoing critical fire weather.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Torrance, New Mexico, pursuant to Ordinance No. 87-2 that:

1. Drought conditions compounded by high winds pose a fire danger emergency pursuant to Section 5.B of Torrance County Ordinance No. 87-2; and
2. Pursuant to Section 4 of the aforementioned ordinance, the following types of open fire are prohibited: “open burning,” “ceremonial burning,” “recreational burning;” and
3. The Improper Handling of Fire is prohibited criminally under Section 30-17-1, NMSA 1978; and
4. This resolution will become effective upon the date of its execution and will remain in effect for a period of sixty (60) days.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 25 DAY OF March, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TORRANCE COUNTY:

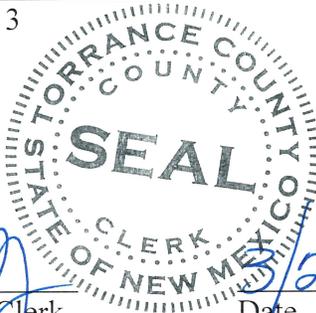
Absent
Ryan Schwebach, Chair, District 2

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Kevin McCall, Vice Chair, District 1

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Linda Jaramillo, Member, District 3

ATTEST:

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Sylvia Chavez, Torrance County Clerk



5/25/2026
Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Michael Garcia, Torrance County Attorney