

**TAOS COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2010-51**

**A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE LOW-ALTITUDE TACTICAL
NAVIGATION TRAINING EXERCISES PROPOSED BY CANNON AIR FORCE BASE**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Taos County (Commission) is the duly authorized governing body of Taos County, a New Mexico political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, Taos County is empowered to act to protect the health safety and welfare of its citizens pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 4-37-1; and

WHEREAS, the United States Air Force and Cannon Air Force Base are proposing a series of low-altitude tactical navigation (LATN) training exercises in Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado, which includes the airspace above Taos County; and

WHEREAS, Taos County is home to tens of thousands of residents who value and take great pride in the area for its unspoiled natural beauty and landscape; and

WHEREAS, Taos County environs are tranquil and quiet, particularly during the evening hours when the proposed LATN training exercises are proposed to occur; and

WHEREAS, Taos County is a largely rural and agricultural community whose livestock may be disturbed by the proposed LATN training exercises; and

WHEREAS, Taos County encompasses more than 758,000 acres of federal lands that provide sensitive wildlife habitat to numerous species; and

WHEREAS, Taos County's economy is heavily dependent on the thousands of tourists who visit the area each year for its exceptional recreational opportunities, natural beauty and unique cultural events and landmarks, all of which would be impaired by the proposed LATN training exercises; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous historical sites and buildings located in Taos County whose age and method of construction make them prone to damage from the proposed LATN training exercises; and

WHEREAS, Taos County supports the opposition to the proposed LATN training exercises expressed by Taos Pueblo, which is the only living Native American community designated as both a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and a National Historic Landmark that boasts multi-storied adobe buildings recognized across the world which have been continuously inhabited for more than 1000 years;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF
TAOS COUNTY** that Taos County is opposed to the proposed LATN training exercises in

Northern New Mexico that are being proposed by the United States Air Force and Cannon Air Force Base.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby encourage the United States Air Force and Cannon Air Force Base to extend the public comment period on this important matter for at least 30 days beyond the current October 4, 2010 deadline to allow the public a full and fair opportunity to make comment on this proposal.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of September, 2010.

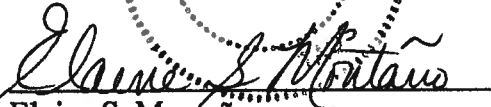
TAOS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


By: Daniel Barrone, Chairman

Approved as to form:


Adam S. Baker
County Manager

Attest:


Elaine S. Montano
Taos County Clerk



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