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TOWN OF EDGEWOOD
RESOLUTION NO. 2007-21

**A RESOLUTION CREATING A POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CLARIFYING THE
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TOWN AND CITIZEN VOLUNTEER PATROLS**

WHEREAS the governing body recognizes the need to provide a reasonable level of police protection to the citizens of the Town of Edgewood;

WHEREAS State law authorizes the Town to exercise police power to provide for the health, safety and welfare of its citizens;

WHEREAS the governing body has determined that the public interest supports the creation of a police department;

And

WHEREAS the governing body recognizes both the rights of its citizens to protect themselves and the benefits an alert citizenry can provide to law enforcement officers;

THEREFORE, be it resolved by and through the Town's governing body as follows:

1. The governing body hereby directs that a police department shall be created as an official department of Town government and requests the Mayor and staff to come forward at the earliest possible time with legislation to effect this directive;
2. The governing body hereby shows its continued support for efforts by Town officials to create an ongoing, working relationship between the Town and the New Mexico Mounted Patrol to provide additional police services to the Town during the period of the creation and staffing of the Town's police force;
3. The governing body hereby recognizes the members of the community who have volunteered as private citizens to act as a citizen's patrol as having made a valuable and worthwhile contribution to their community, and urges such volunteers to work with and follow the directives of the State Police, County Sheriff, and other authorized law enforcement officials in all

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their activities with citizen patrols or neighborhood watches;

And

4. The governing body acknowledges the right and privilege of Town officials, in their individual capacities as private citizens, to participate in the lawful activities of such citizen patrols, and further specifically states that if any Town Official so participates, he or she does so solely as a private citizen and not as an elected official, employee, or agent of the Town of Edgewood.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED THIS 6TH DAY OF JUNE, 2007



Honorable Howard Calkins, Mayor

ATTEST:



Karen A. Mahalick, Acting Administrator