

SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution No. 2010 -

A Resolution Banning Synthetic Marijuana Products

WHEREAS, counties nationwide are coordinating to ban incense coated with synthetic marijuana that circumvents regulatory processes and winds up on store counters and in the lungs of customers; and

WHEREAS, the incense, which goes by the street names Spice (and variations on that name), K2, Pep, Zohai, Yucatan Fire and Genie, has met with statewide bans in eight states and similar intended legislation in several others; and

WHEREAS, Synthetic marijuana producers add a chemical spray, which contains a compound that has an effect similar to that of marijuana, to herbs and package it as incense and users roll it into cigarettes or smoke it in pipes; and

WHEREAS, selling Synthetic Marijuana Products, such as incense, circumvents Food and Drug Administration testing; and

WHEREAS, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) estimates the effect of smoking Spice as 10 to 15 times stronger than marijuana and various public health agencies report that symptoms of Spice use include nausea, vomiting, fast heartbeat, agitation, hypertension, vertigo, hallucinations, and muscle spasms; and

WHEREAS, poison control centers reported an increasing number of calls about such Synthetic Marijuana products, according to the American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY strongly encourage the following:

1. Spice and other forms of Synthetic Marijuana, are no different than marijuana and should be treated as every other controlled substance under our laws;
2. Banning the sale of Synthetic Marijuana Products within Santa Fe County; and
3. A copy of this resolution be shared with the State of New Mexico Legislature to look at legislation that addresses this concern on a statewide level.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of October, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Harry B. Montoya, Chairman

ATTEST:

Valerie Espinoza, Santa Fe County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney