ORDER OF THE NAVARRO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

HEREBY APPROVING THE EXISTING ORDER OF THE COUNTY JUDGE BANNING THE USE OF FIREWORKS AND EXTENDING THE BURN BAN, AS WRITTEN IN THAT ORDER UNTIL MOISTURE IMPROVES, BUT NOT TO EXCEED 90 DAYS FROM TODAY'S DATE.

SIGNED THIS 5TH DAY OF JULY, 2022.

H. M. Davenport, Navarro County Judge

Jason Grant, Commissioner Pct.1

Eddie Moore, Commissioner Pct. 3

Eddie Perry, Commissioner Pct. 2

James Olsen, Commissioner Pct.

Filed with the Clerk of Navarro County on this 5th day of July, 2022

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SHERRY DOWD, County Clerk MYARRO COUNTY TEXAS ENACTING A DISASTER DECLARATION and PROHIBITING THE USE OF ALL FIREWORKS IN NAVARRO COUNTY DUE TO EXTREMELY DRY AND HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, Navarro County has not had significant rainfall for an extended period of time, creating hot and dry conditions which pose the threat of large, dangerous, and fast-moving wildfires; and

WHEREAS, such fires have the potential of endangering lives and damaging property on a large scale; and

WHEREAS, the National Drought Mitigation Center, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the National Oceanic Atmosphere Association have formed the United States Drought Monitor ("USDM"); and

WHEREAS the National Drought Mitigation Center monitors drought conditions across the United States and as of June 28, 2022, has classified 61% of Navarro County as being in severe drought, and with approximately 30% of Navarro County additionally classified as being in extreme drought; and

WHEREAS, the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KDBI), maintained by Texas A&M Agrilife Research and Texas A&M Forest Service, is an index that is used to determine fire potential and the current KDBI indicates a KDBI value of 610 for Navarro County as of July 1, 2022, with a maximum value of 660; and

WHEREAS, the KDBI value for Navarro County is now within the highest range of the index, indicating a severe drought and increased wildfire occurrence; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Government Code Chapter 418 gives the county judge the power to declare a local disaster within the county "if the threat of disaster is imminent"; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the potential damage and the rapidity with which such a fire could escalate to major proportions constitute an imminent threat of disaster; and

WHEREAS, declaration of such disaster authorizes the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of fires and such controls, once implemented, have the potential of protecting lives and property by mitigating the threat of dangerous fires; and

WHEREAS, an Outdoor Burning Ban has already been enacted; and

WHEREAS, a declaration issued under Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code may include a prohibition or restriction on the sale or use of restricted fireworks within the county; which are only those items classified under 49 C.F.R. Sec. 173.100(r) {2} {10-1-86 edition}, as "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins"; and

WHEREAS, a declaration issued under Section 418,108 of the Texas Government Code may include a prohibition or restriction on the use of all fireworks within the county; and

WHEREAS, a local disaster declaration expires seven days after its issuance, unless the commissioners court consents to its renewal or continuance; and

WHEREAS, to the extent that a declaration includes a provision related to fireworks, any portion of the provision that exceeds the restrictions authorized by Local Government Code 352.051 is effective only for 60 hours, unless the county judge requests, and the governor authorizes an extension of the broader fireworks restriction.

BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED that I, H.M. Davenport, County Judge of Navarro County do hereby declare a local state of disaster based on the threat of large wildfires in Navarro County, Texas, and hereby ban the sale of restricted fireworks (as described above) and ban the use of all fireworks in Navarro County (with the exception of commercially done displays by a bonded professional company); and

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED this order prohibits in ALL burning in the unincorporated areas of Navarro County, Texas, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code 352.081.

For purposes of this Order, the term "Outdoor Burning" means:

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a) a 2A-20BC fire extinguisher, kept within 30 feet of any outdoor welding activity;

AND

b) an individual to serve as a "fire monitor" during all welding activities with the monitor remaining on the scene for a minimum of 30 minutes after cessation of any outdoor welding activity.

This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meets the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above cited statute, but in no instance will this declaration continue for more than seven days without being authorized by the County Commissioners Court, or in the event the declaration pertains to fireworks, no more than 60 hours unless an extension of the restriction on fireworks has been received from the governor. **BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED** that the purpose of this order is the mitigation of the hazard posed by wildfires by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning, and the use of all fireworks, which purpose is to be considered in any enforcement action based upon this order.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that a violation of this Disaster Declaration is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or as authorized by Government Code Section 418.173 and adopted in the county's emergency plan by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00.

This declaration shall be promptly publicized and filed with the County Clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my signature this /st day of July 2022.

H.M. Davenport

Navarro County Judge

Filed with the Clerk of Navarro County on this 15^{16} day of July 2022.

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H.M. Davenport

Navarro County Judge

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U.S. Drought Monitor

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June 28, 2022

(Released Thursday, Jun. 30, 2022) Valid 8 a.m. EDT

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	3.71	9.91	21.40	21.20	27.96	15.82
Last Week 06-21-2022	7.01	11.81	16.56	20.79	26.72	17.11
3 Month s Ago 03-29-2022	4.90	6.88	17.43	28.69	35.06	7.03
Start of Calendar Year 01-04-2022	7.58	12.58	25.58	37.56	16.69	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-28-2021	45.57	47.17	6.99	0.27	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 06-29-2021	81.56	9.44	3.33	4.50	1. 17	0.00

Intensity:



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx

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