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BY: Connie Becton

STATE OF TEXAS       §

COUNTY OF HARDIN   §

**CONTINUATION OF DECLARATION OF DISASTER  
AND  
ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING**

**WHEREAS**, the Hardin County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session at 10:00AM on October 22, 2024 in the Commissioners Courtroom, Hardin County Courthouse, located in Kountze, Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, due to current drought, dry fuels, and weather conditions on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024, Hardin County, Texas was in imminent threat of large and dangerous wildfires with the potential to spread quickly, endanger lives, and cause large scale property damage, creating a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and

**WHEREAS**, a local disaster declaration was proclaimed by Hardin County Judge Wayne McDaniel on October 15, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hardin County Commissioners Court finds that severe drought conditions continue to exist in all unincorporated areas of Hardin County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hardin County Judge hereby requests the Commissioners Court of Hardin County, Texas to continue the Declaration of Disaster and Order Restricting Outdoor Burning for a period of thirty (30) days; and

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that all outdoor burning of trash, brush, trees, or debris is prohibited in all unincorporated areas of Hardin County for thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based upon a determination by this Court or the County Judge.

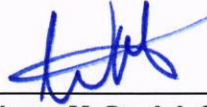
Outdoor burning activity related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is not prohibited.

Outdoor burning of vegetative material when such burning is performed in accordance with a prescribed plan which addresses the useful nature of such activity, such as natural resource management as described by the U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service is not prohibited.

In accordance with Section 352.081(h) of the Local Government Code, a VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS A CLASS C MISDEMEANOR, PUNISHABLE BY A FINE NOT TO EXCEED **\$500.00**

This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance, shall be promptly publicized, and filed with the Hardin County Clerk.

**ORDERED** this 22<sup>ND</sup> day of October, 2024.



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**Wayne McDaniel, County Judge  
Hardin County, Texas**

ATTEST:



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**Connie Becton, Hardin County Clerk**