

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND ADOPTING RULES TO PROHIBIT ALL BURNING AND FIREWORKS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has been informed and is otherwise aware of extreme drought conditions in the State of Florida and Sumter County, and;

WHEREAS, Chapter 8, Section 8-1 (b) of the Sumter County Code authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to declare a local emergency under such circumstances and to adopt reasonable rules and regulations to respond to such an emergency and to institute prohibitive measures, and;

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds that the current dry conditions constitute an emergency condition such that the ignition of outdoor fires of any kind or the discharge of any fireworks would create a high probability of fires.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County, Florida, as follows:

1. There is hereby declared a state of local emergency in Sumter County, Florida as a result of severe drought and the concurrent possibility of forest and brush fires.

2. Based upon the foregoing declaration, the Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County, Florida hereby bans all outdoor burning and fireworks with the exception of control burning or other fire prevention efforts conducted by the State Department of Forestry or any other State Agency. This burning ban shall include, but is not limited to, burning in barrels or other screened containers, or the burning of debris piles, and shall apply to commercial and residential uses.

3. A violation of this resolution shall be a crime punishable by law. This Resolution shall be enforceable by all law enforcement officers.

4. This resolution shall remain in effect until specifically repealed by action of the Board of County Commissioners.

DONE AND RESOLVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2010, at _____, Sumter County, Florida.

ATTEST: GLORIA HAYWARD
Clerk of Circuit Court

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA

Deputy Clerk

Don Burgess, Chairman