

## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

### Due to Dry Weather Conditions

**WHEREAS**, lack of precipitation in the County, as confirmed by the National Weather Service at Charleston, West Virginia, and unreasonably high temperatures have caused grasslands and woodlands to be extremely dry causing a severe increase in fire risk throughout Dickenson County; and

**WHEREAS**, significant acreage of property in the region have been affected by forest fires within the past several days of this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, uncontrolled, open fires pose a serious threat to life and property while the current dry conditions exist; and

**WHEREAS**, after consultation with Virginia Department of Forestry, it is recommended that Dickenson County by and through its Director of Emergency Management and subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors, declare an emergency prohibition against any person setting fire, or procuring another person to set fire, to any woods, brush, logs, leaves, grass, debris, or other flammable material within the boundaries of Dickenson County both on any public as well as on any private property, until this Declaration of Emergency Prohibition is declared ended by official act of the County;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Director of Emergency Management of Dickenson County does hereby accept the recommendations to issue a **Declaration of Emergency Due to Dry Weather Conditions** in accordance with Sections 44-146.21 and 15.2-922.1 of the Code of Virginia and hereby establishes a ban on open-air burning for Dickenson County until further notice and putting on alert the response and recovery programs of all applicable local and jurisdictional emergency operations plans should activation be warranted.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this ban is effective at 9:00 P.M., November 13, 2023, and that it shall remain in effect until such ban is ended by action of the Board of Supervisors.

So DECLARED on this 13th day of November, 2023.

  
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Ron Peters, Director of Emergency Management