

## **ADOPT TEMPORARY BURN BAN RESOLUTION**

Motion by Claggett, second by Reider to adopt the following temporary burn ban resolution. A roll call vote was taken as follows. Weitala – aye, Kiner – aye, Reider – aye, Claggett – aye, Bode – aye. Motion carried.

### **Davison County Resolution #071117-02 Resolution to Provide for Temporary Emergency Regulation of Fire Hazards in Davison County**

**Whereas**, Davison County is experiencing very dry conditions due to the drought that has been experienced in recent weeks; and

**Whereas**, Davison County is dedicated in taking steps to protect the health and safety of all residents of the County and all property within the County; and

**Whereas**, the Davison County Commission has consulted with local fire officials and law enforcement officials in regard to the severity of this issue; and

**Whereas**, for purposes of this resolution, “open burning” shall be defined as any outdoor fire, including but not limited to campfires, warning fires, charcoal grill fires, or the prescribed burning of fence rows, fields, wild lands, trash and debris. This resolution excludes fires contained within liquid-fueled or gas fueled stoves, fireplaces within all buildings, charcoal grill fires at private residences, and fire pits or fire grates located at private residences or on supervised developed picnic grounds and campgrounds; and

**Whereas**, unduly hazardous fire conditions now exist in Davison County; and

**Whereas**, due to several fires in surrounding areas there is a lack of mutual aid and fire-fighting man power; and

**Whereas**, an ordinance for the regulation of open burning during fire danger emergencies was passed August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the Davison County Commissioners enact this resolution on an emergency basis and impose a ban to prohibit or restrict open burning and that the use of all fireworks, except for fire department approved private or public displays complete with fire suppression standby services, be prohibited in order to protect the public health and safety pursuant the Regulation of Open Burning During Fire Danger Emergencies Ordinance passed August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012; and

**Be it further resolved** that the ban will be in place until fire conditions improve as determined by Emergency personnel within Davison County.

Dated at Mitchell, South Dakota this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017.

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Brenda Bode, Chairman ATTEST:

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Susan Kiepke, Auditor