



**STATE OF TEXAS** §

**COUNTY OF BOWIE** · §

## **DECLARATION OF DISASTER AND ORDER BANNING OPEN FIRES PROHIBITION OF OUTDOOR BURNING**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with provisions of Chapter 418.108(b) and 352.081 of the Texas Government Code, the undersigned County Judge of Bowie County, Texas hereby finds and declares that a state of disaster exists in Bowie County based on the imminent threat of disaster from wildfire due to the dry and windy conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, declaration of such a disaster authorizes the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of such fires; and

**WHEREAS**, the normal danger of fire in Bowie County at this time is greatly enhanced by the unusual deficit in normal precipitation levels for Bowie County at this time;

**BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED** for the following seven (7) days the following emergency regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated areas of Bowie County, Texas:

- A. All outdoor burning including the use of fireworks and sparklers is prohibited in the unincorporated areas of Bowie County with the exception of burning activities related to public health and safety authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; and outdoor cooking only in enclosed pits or grills.
- B. An offense under this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine up to \$500.00

**BE IT ALSO ORDERED** that this Order may be enforced by any duly commissioned peace officer and that the venue for prosecution of violations of this Order will be Bowie County, Texas.

**BE IT ALSO ORDERED** that the purpose of this Order is the mitigation of the hazard posed by wildfires during the current dry and windy weather by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning, which purpose is to be taken into account in any enforcement action based on this Order.

Bobby Howell, County Judge  
Bowie County, Texas

ATTEST:

Tina Petty, County Clerk, Bowie County