## SANTA FE COUNTY

## RESOLUTION NO. 2018-<u>58</u>

A RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION DECLARING EXTREME OR SEVERE DROUGHT CONDITIONS WITHIN SANTA FE COUNTY AND BANNING THE SALE AND USE OF CERTAIN FIREWORKS IN THE UNINCORPORATED PORTIONS OF THE COUNTY, INCLUDING WILDLANDS, AND LIMITING THE USE OF CERTAIN FIREWORKS TO SPECIFIC AREAS

WHEREAS, an immediate and present danger of range fires, brush fires, grass fires, forest fires and structure fires exists within Santa Fe County (the County) due to persistent drought; and

WHEREAS, current fire conditions such as low humidity, dry weather, wind and fire fuel moisture content have resulted in conditions of extreme risk of fires; and

WHEREAS, given these circumstances, the probability of ignition of materials and the spread of fire pose a severe threat to persons and property; and

WHEREAS, current drought indices published by the National Weather Service and other relevant information supplied by the United States Forest Service further indicate extreme or severe drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of citizens are in danger as a result of such conditions; and

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, 60-2C-8.1(E) (1999), et seq., provides that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County (BCC) may, after hearing, declare that extreme or severe drought conditions exist, and proclaim certain restrictions on the sale and use of fireworks.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the BCC, having conducting a public hearing, hereby resolves, declares and proclaims, as follows:

1. There currently exists within the unincorporated portions of the County extreme or severe drought conditions, creating a significant and immediate threat due to wildfires to the life, safety, health and welfare of residents of the County, and to public and private property located within the County.

- 3. The use of fireworks not listed in Paragraph 2 above is limited to areas that are paved or barren or have a readily accessible source of water for use by the homeowner or general public.
- 4. The use of all fireworks within wildlands in the County is banned, the State Forester having been consulted as required by statute and having concurred with such ban.
- 5. The sale and use of display fireworks are banned within the unincorporated portions of the County.
- 6. Public displays of fireworks as defined by Santa Fe County Ordinance No. 1988-3 shall be permitted.
- This resolution shall be effective for 30 days from the date below, but may be 7. reissued if severe or extreme drought conditions warrant. Further, this Resolution may be modified or rescinded within the 30 days of their effectiveness if the BCC, after conducting an emergency hearing, determines that weather conditions have improved.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 12th day of June 2018.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF** THE COUNTY OF SANTA FE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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R. Bruce Frederick, County Attorney

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