

**SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 079

**A RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM EXTREME OR SEVERE DROUGHT CONDITIONS
WITHIN SANTA FE COUNTY AND TO BAN THE SALE AND USE OF CERTAIN
FIREWORKS IN THE UNINCORPORATED PORTIONS OF THE COUNTY AND
WITHIN WILDLANDS IN THE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, current drought indices published by the United States National Integrated Drought Information System and the United States Forest Service further indicates extreme or severe drought conditions; and

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

WHEREAS, current fire conditions such as low humidity, high temperature, 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, 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 the County of Santa Fe may declare that extreme or severe drought conditions exist, and proclaim certain restrictions on the sale and use of fireworks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners hereby resolves and proclaims as follows:

1. There currently exists, within the unincorporated portions of Santa Fe County, extreme or severe drought conditions, creating extreme fire conditions causing an immediate and significant threat to the life, safety, health and welfare of residents of Santa Fe County, and to public and private property located within the County.
2. The sale and use of missile-type rockets, helicopters, aerial spinners, stick-type rockets and ground audible devices are banned within the affected drought area, which includes all unincorporated portions of Santa Fe County.
3. The use of permissible 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 Santa Fe County is banned, the State Forester having been consulted as required by state statute and having concurred with such ban.

