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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JOHNSON COUNTY**

BURN BAN PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Johnson County, Indiana has experienced a prolonged period of lack of rain and portions of the County are considered in a drought or abnormally dry;

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has issued a notice of elevated fire danger over the weekend due to drying surface vegetation and low humidity for Johnson County;

WHEREAS, the Johnson County Emergency Management Director has received reports of grass and field fires over the weekend and the morning of October 7, 2024;

WHEREAS, The Johnson County Emergency Management Director has requested that there be in place a temporary burn ban;

WHEREAS, The Johnson County Board of Commissioners ("Board"), acting through its principle executive officer and pursuant to Indiana Code § 10-14-3-29, declare that the County to be at risk of widespread fire hazards due to being in "abnormally dry" and "moderate drought" per the US Drought Monitor and little chance of rain in the coming days;

WHEREAS, A Countywide burn ban affecting certain activities is an appropriate public safety response to the fire hazards presented by the current drought and/or high wind conditions for the preservation of life and property in the County;

I declare the following:

Effective immediately, the following activities are prohibited in Johnson County:

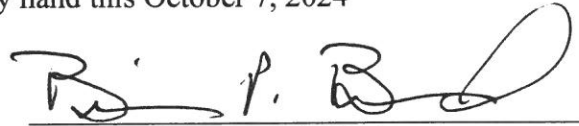
1. Open burning of any kind using wood or any other combustible matter, with the exception of cooking grills fueled by charcoal briquettes or propane gas. Charcoal from permitted grills shall not be removed from a grill until the charcoal has been thoroughly extinguished.
2. Open burning of any kind of debris, such as timber, vegetation, building constructions waste or otherwise, and
3. Subject to Indiana Code § 22-11-14-10.5, the usage of consumer fireworks.

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I further declare that:

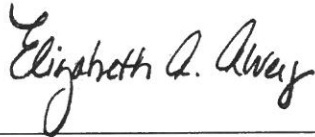
1. This burn ban may be enforced by any sworn law enforcement officer, when available.
2. The provision of this burn ban shall supersede any municipal ordinance to the contrary while it is in effect.
3. This burn ban will be in effect for seven (7) days, through midnight of October 14, 2024, and may be extended by two thirds vote of the Board of the Commissioners.

In witness, whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this October 7, 2024



Brian P. Baird, Chairman

Attest:



Elizabeth A. Alvey, Johnson County Auditor