



**FIRE EMERGENCY AND
AUTOMATIC BURN BAN**
in
DIVIDE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

March 3, 2020

WHEREAS, Divide County, North Dakota endured wet conditions in the fall of 2019 that resulted in unharvested fields, there is a high volume of vegetative fuels that can burn and allow fire to spread rapidly, and the official fire season starts on 1 April 2020; and

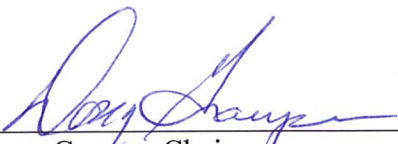
WHEREAS, all available county resources remain committed to protecting life and property; and

WHEREAS, the impact of fires could threaten the health, well-being, and safety of citizens in Divide County; and

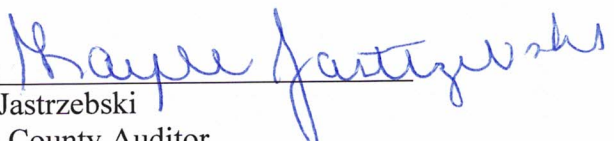
WHEREAS, the cost of response and the inordinate equipment wear may be far in excess of available County resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that as prescribed by NDCC 37-17.1-10, the Board of Divide County Commissioners declares a Fire Emergency and Automatic Burn Ban (including a ban on the ignition of fireworks, garbage burning, campfires, and non-essential off-road vehicle operation) to remain in effect whenever the United States Forest Service Fire Danger Rating is Very High or Extreme and/or a Red Flag Warning has been issued for Divide County, North Dakota. The Burn Ban is effective as long as the Very High or Extreme rating or Red Flag Warning remains in effect. **ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THE BURN BAN IS GUILTY OF A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR, UP TO 30 DAYS IN JAIL AND A \$1,500 FINE. (NDCC 37-17.1-10.1)**

DATED at Crosby, North Dakota this 3rd day of March, 2020.



Doug Graupe, Chairman
Divide County Commission

Attest: 

Gayle Jastrzebski
Divide County Auditor

