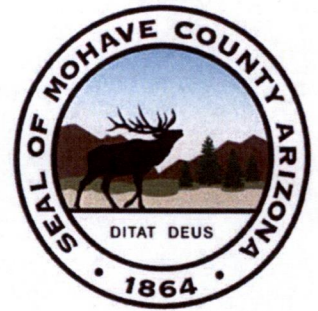


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PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION IMPOSING A PROHIBITION ON OPEN FIRES, CAMPFIREs AND PERMISSIBLE CONSUMER FIREWORKS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF MOHAVE COUNTY, EXCLUDING LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES, THE STATE OF ARIZONA, OR AN INDIAN TRIBE

WHEREAS, ARS §26-311 authorizes the Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors to declare an emergency and, during such emergency, to govern by proclamation and to impose all necessary regulations to preserve the peace and order of the unincorporated areas of Mohave County; and

WHEREAS, ARS §26-307 authorizes counties to make, amend, and rescind orders, rules, and regulations necessary for emergency functions not inconsistent with orders, rules, and regulations promulgated by the governor and to suspend any regulation or law in conflict with said county orders, rules, and regulations; and

WHEREAS, ARS §36-1606 authorizes the county to regulate the use and sale of permissible consumer fireworks within the unincorporated areas of the county when a Federal or State agency has implemented Stage One Fire Restrictions in any portion of the county; and

WHEREAS, Mohave County Ordinance 2013-04 authorizes the prohibition of open fires, campfires, and permissible consumer fireworks use on designated lands in the unincorporated area of Mohave County during Fire Emergencies, with "unincorporated area" defined as excluding lands under the jurisdiction of the United States, the State of Arizona or a federally recognized Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the apparently human caused Flag Fire in the Hualapai Mountains that started on April 25, 2021, caused a severe threat to life and property, necessitated the immediate evacuation of hundreds of people from the Pine Lake Community and the Hualapai Mountain Park, and resulted in over \$2 million dollars in suppression costs; and

WHEREAS, a reasonable risk of wildfire exists in Mohave County based on high temperatures, relative humidity, continuing drought, and the recent increase in wildfire ignitions; and the Bureau of Land Management will implement restrictions on BLM managed lands within the county on May 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Mohave County Emergency Management Officer has issued a Determination of Fire Emergency for all four Fire Zones of Mohave County as defined in Mohave County Ordinance 2013-04 and recommends that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors take action to prohibit outdoor burning, campfires and use of permissible consumer fireworks in unincorporated areas of the County until such time as the Determination of Fire Emergency is rescinded; and

WHEREAS, penalties for violations of this proclamation are set forth in Mohave County Ordinance 2013-04;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Mohave County Board of Supervisors hereby imposes, with the exemptions listed below, a prohibition on open fires, campfires, and permissible consumer fireworks on private and public lands in the unincorporated County, effective May 14, 2021, at 8 a.m., until such time as the Determination of Fire Emergency is rescinded.

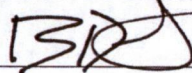
A. The following fires are exempt from this prohibition

1. Fires set or permitted by any public officer, federal, state or local, in the performance of the officer's official duties.
2. Fires set or permitted by the State Entomologist or Mohave County agricultural agents for the purpose of disease and pest prevention.
3. Fires set or permitted by the United States, the State of Arizona, or any federally- recognized Indian tribe, or any of their respective departments, agencies or political subdivisions for the purpose of fire prevention or control, or watershed rehabilitation or control through vegetative manipulation.
4. Fires permitted by the Emergency Management Officer or designee. The conditions of the permit, including permitted dates and the nature of the burning shall be clearly stated on any such permit issued.
5. Fires fueled by propane or charcoal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this **Proclamation** imposing a ban on open fires, campfires and consumer fireworks shall be lifted when the Emergency Management Officer issues a written determination that an emergency condition warranting an Outdoor Fire and Permissible Consumer Fireworks Prohibition no longer exists within the county.

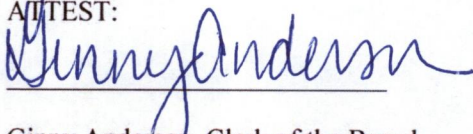
DATED this 10th day of May, 2021

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Buster Johnson, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Ginny Anderson, Clerk of the Board

