

**TOWN OF GROTON, CT**

**STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

**OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER**

**WHEREAS**, on October 25, 2024, the Governor of the State of Connecticut issued a declaration of civic preparedness emergency in reaction to on-going drought conditions, establishing a temporary ban on all burning on state owned property; and

**WHEREAS**, Connecticut General Statutes Section 28-81, 28-1(8), and 28-22 provides authority to municipal CEOs to declare a state of emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 8, 2024, the Town Manager for the Town of Groton, in consultation with local fire departments, has found that current drought conditions, as well as the Governor's declared state of emergency, a state of emergency exists within the Town of Groton, requiring immediate action to protect health, safety, and general welfare of its citizens; now, therefore, be it,

**RESOLVED**, on November 8, 2024, the Town Manager hereby proclaims a state of emergency in the Town of Groton with the exception of Groton Long Point and the City of Groton, both having autonomy from the Town of Groton; and, be it, further

**RESOLVED**, that during the existence of said emergency the Town Manger shall exercise those powers, functions and duties prescribed by State law, the Town Charter, and all applicable ordinances, resolutions, special acts, and the Town's Emergency Operations Plan in order to minimize the effects of said emergency; and, be it, further

**RESOLVED**, that a ban and absolute prohibition on all open burning of fires within the Town of Groton, with the noted exceptions of Groton Long Point, and the City of Groton, is hereby enacted; and, be it, further,

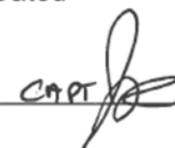
**RESOLVED**, that such ban shall be enforceable by local and state police, along with any Fire Chief operating within the Town, as well as the officer in charge of any responding fire department, in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-313e; and, be it, further

**RESOLVED** that said State of Emergency shall remain in effect until terminated by the Town Manager.

11/8/20  
Dated

2:30 p.m.  
Local Time

  
John Burt, Town Manager

Attest:   
CAPT J. DEM