



## **EMERGENCY BURN AND FIREWORKS DECLARATION FOR GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA**

**WHEREAS**, Golden Valley County, North Dakota has very dry conditions with significant fuel supplies available; and

**WHEREAS**, Golden Valley County, North Dakota, has sustained or been threatened with rural fires as of this date, and the Golden Valley County Department of Emergency Services has been in consultation with local fire departments; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the lighting and use of fireworks and the impact of fires could threaten health, well-being, and safety of the citizens of Golden Valley County; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of response, inordinate equipment wear and fire damages may be in excess of County Resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Golden Valley County Commissioners declares a Total Burn Ban on open burning and the use of fireworks in Golden Valley County (regardless of fire danger categories assigned per the North Dakota Fire Danger Rating Map) effective immediately until further notice. The only allowed exceptions are the responsible use of gas grills and gas stoves used at a safe distance from combustible materials.

**ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THE BURN BAN IS GUILTY OF A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR (NDCC 37-17.1-10): MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 30 DAYS IN JAIL AND A \$1500 FINE (NDCC 12.1-32.01), AND RESTITUTION OF FIRE SUPPRESSION COSTS MAY BE SOUGHT FROM THE COURT.**

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, Golden Valley County, North Dakota

Troy Tescher, Chairman Golden Valley County Commission