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FIRE EMERGENCY AND BURN BAN FOR GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, the Golden Valley County Board of County Commissioners recognizes that Golden Valley County, North Dakota has potential dry conditions with significant fuel supplies available; and

WHEREAS, Golden Valley County has sustained or been threatened with rural fires in the past 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 impact of fires could threaten the 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 available County resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Golden Valley County Commissioners declare a Fire Emergency and Burn Ban to include a ban on ignition of fireworks, garbage burning, campfires, burning of farm and crop land and unnecessary off-road motorized travel when the North Dakota Rangeland Fire Index is in the High, Very High or Extreme category and/or Red Flag Warning has been issued for Golden Valley County, North Dakota. Please contact your local Fire Chief before burning of any kind. Beach: Dan Buchholz 872-6662, Golva: Gary Rising 690-1332 and Sentinel Butte: Mike VanHorn 872-6715.

The Daily Fire Danger Rating can be found at the following web site: <https://www.nd.gov/des>

Resolution No. 2017-12 (Fire Emergency Order) and the Emergency Burn and Fireworks Declaration issued on June 19, 2017 by Golden Valley County are rescinded and replaced by this ban.

PURSUANT TO N.D.C.C. § 37-17.1-10.1, ANY PERSON WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THE BURNING BAN ESTABLISHED BY THIS RESOLUTION IS GUILTY OF A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR, WHICH CARRIES WITH IT A PENALTY OF UP TO 30 DAYS IN JAIL, A \$1,500.00 FINE, OR BOTH. IN ADDITION, RESTITUTION OF FIRE SUPPRESSION COSTS MAY BE SOUGHT FROM THE COURT.

Dated at Beach, ND, this 3rd day of October, 2017.
Golden Valley County, North Dakota

BY: Troy Tescher
Troy Tescher, Board Chairman

Attest: Tamra Sperry
Tamra Sperry, County Auditor