RESOLUTION_#2018-7

The Coal County Board of County Commissioners pursuant to the authority granted to the Board by Section 16-26.B of Title 2 of the Oklahoma Statutes, do hereby proclaim that extreme fire danger exists in Coal County. This situation (as defined in Section 16-26.B1.a-d, Title 2, O.S.) has been verified by a documented concurrence of the majority of the County's municipal and rural fire chiefs, or their designees.

By virtue of this resolution, it is unlawful for any person to set fire to any forest, grass, range, crop or other wildlands, or to build a campfire or bonfire, or to burn trash or other material that may cause a forest, grass, range, crop, or other wildlands fire.

Exceptions to this fire prohibition and the appropriate precautionary measures to be taken are as follows:

Welding/Cutting Torch/Grinding Activities-Extreme caution is advised (conduct over non-combustible surface at least 10 feet by 10 feet; wind speeds must be less than 20 mph; pressurized water or fire extinguisher must be present at site.

Oilfield and landfill activities—Gas vents and flares associated with the extraction of oil and gas are generally considered exempt as long as the top of the ventpipe is raised well above the surrounding vegetation. Sludge pits are covered under the ban and should not be burned while it is in effect.

<u>Campfires and outdoor cooking</u>-Outdoor campfires or bonfires are prohibited. LPG and natural gas grills and charcoal fired cooking outside in a grilling receptacle are permitted provided that the activity is conducted over a non-flammable surface and at least five feet from flammable vegetation. Colemantype pressurized stoves are exempt. However, any fire resulting from grilling or the use of one of these cookers or stoves is still an illegal fire.

Enforcement of this resolution may be carried out by any law enforcement officer of this State. Any person convicted of violating this resolution shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not more than One thousand Dollars (\$1000.00), to imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

This resolution shall be effective immediately for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days from the date of passage by the Board of County Commissioners. If extreme fire danger conditions persist, subsequent resolutions may be passed. This Burn Ban may be removed at any time during the seven day period by the same method by which it was approved.

Brock Jones, Dist. 1

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Attest:

Eugina Loudermilk, County Clerk