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DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, Austin County on the 1st day of July, 2022 is under imminent threat of severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from **THE THREAT OF WILDFIRES IN AUSTIN COUNTY**.

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Austin County has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect people and/or property,

WHEREAS, the Commissioner's Court has implemented a burn ban on June 13, 2022 due to the extremely dry conditions now existing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF AUSTIN COUNTY:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Austin County pursuant of Section 418.108 (a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to Section 418.108 (b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioner's Court of Austin County.
3. Pursuant to Section 418.108 (c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed with the County Clerk of Austin County.
4. Pursuant to Section 418.108 (d) of the Government Code, this declaration bans the use of fireworks in Austin County for 60 hours unless extended by the Governor.
5. This Declaration prohibits the sale, use or ignition of any firework considered "Skyrockets with sticks, Missiles with fins and/or Roman Candles." Multi-shots and artillery shells are not prohibited by this declaration.
6. This Declaration exempts licensed professional firework displays.

That this proclamation shall take effect at 5 P.M on the day of the order.

ORDERED this the 1st day of July, 2022.

TIM LAPHAM, County Judge - Austin County