

**EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING A LOCAL BURN BAN
DUE TO DROUGHT-LIKE WEATHER CONDITIONS IN SEMINOLE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Seminole County Ordinance 2017-8, Code Section 85.24 (“Ordinance”), when drought conditions result in a Keetch-Byram Drought Index (“KBDI”) of 500 or higher, a prohibition on all open burning in Seminole County shall take effect; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2024, the Chairman of the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners executed Executive Order 2024-003, establishing a Burn Ban due to the elevated KBDI and drought-like weather conditions in Seminole County; and

WHEREAS, dry weather and drought-like conditions continue to create a high risk for fire danger and an KBDI index of higher than 500 in Seminole County; and

WHEREAS, eliminating open burning during periods of dry weather conditions and lack of precipitation lessen the risk of forest and brush fires, and thereby reduce the risk of harm to human life and property; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes, grants political subdivisions the authority to take whatever action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare during a State of Local Emergency; and

WHEREAS, Seminole County Code Section 72.5 establishes a time limit on a declared Local State of Emergency of seven (7) days and when necessary, can be extended by Executive Order in seven (7) day increments; and

WHEREAS, the continuation of dry conditions necessitates the extension of the Local State of Emergency and prohibition on all open burning in Seminole County upon the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners signing this Executive Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

Section 1. Extension of Burn Ban. Extremely dry, drought-like conditions and the imminent potential for forest and brush fires pose a serious threat to the lives and property of the residents of Seminole County and the Burn Ban is hereby extended, effective immediately. The general public is hereby prohibited from conducting any open burning including any campfires, bonfires, trash burning and any other similar open incineration without a burning authorization issued by the Florida Forest Service while this Order is in effect.

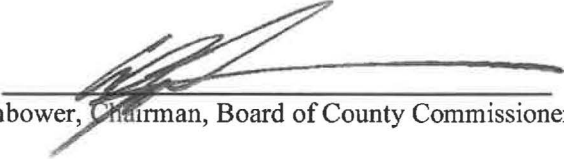
Section 2. Term. This Burn Ban shall be effective for all of Seminole County, Florida. The Burn Ban shall remain in effect for seven (7) days and at that time the order shall be reviewed and either extended or rescinded based on weather projections.

Section 3. Notice. The Sheriff and other law enforcement, fire prevention, and emergency personnel are directed to publicize and educate the public regarding the dangers, risks, and prohibitions associated with open burning during the term of this Executive Order.

Section 4. Enforcement. The Sheriff and other law enforcement officials, agents of the State Fire Marshal, the Florida Forest Service and Seminole County Code Enforcement Officers are empowered to specifically enforce this Order during this Burn Ban.

Section 5. Alterations or Rescission. This declaration of a Burn Ban may be altered or rescinded either by the issuance of a subsequent Executive Order or by an appropriate Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

ORDERED this 4th day of June, 2024 at 0900

By: 
Jay Zembower, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners