

PROCLAMATION

**A PROCLAMATION IMPOSING A PROHIBITION ON OPEN
FIRES, CAMPFIRES AND PERMISSIBLE CONSUMER FIREWORKS ON
PRIVATE AND PUBLIC LANDS IN THE
UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF MOHAVE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, ARS §26-311 authorizes the Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors to declare an emergency and, during such emergency, to govern by proclamation and to impose all necessary regulations to preserve the peace and order of the unincorporated areas of Mohave County; and

WHEREAS, ARS §26-307 authorizes counties to make, amend, and rescind orders, rules, and regulations necessary for emergency functions not inconsistent with orders, rules, and regulations promulgated by the governor and to suspend any regulation or law in conflict with said county orders, rules, and regulations; and

WHEREAS, Approved Senate Bill 1158 authorizes the county to regulate the use and sale of permissible consumer fireworks within the unincorporated areas of the county when a Federal or State agency has implemented Stage One Fire Restrictions in any portion of the county; and

WHEREAS, Mohave County Ordinance 2013-04 authorizes the prohibition of open fires, campfires, and permissible consumer fireworks on designated lands in the unincorporated areas of Mohave County during Fire Emergencies; and

WHEREAS, a reasonable risk of wildfire exists in Mohave County based on high temperatures, relative humidity, continuing drought, the recent increase in wildfire ignitions, and the decision by the Bureau of Land Management to implement Stage 2 restrictions on BLM lands within the county on May 25, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Mohave County Emergency Management Officer has issued a Determination of Fire Emergency in all four Fire Zones of Mohave County as defined in Mohave County Ordinance 2013-04 and recommends that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors take action to prohibit outdoor burning, campfires and use of permissible consumer fireworks in unincorporated areas of the County until such time as the Determination of Fire Emergency is rescinded; and

WHEREAS, penalties for violations of this proclamation are set forth in Mohave County Ordinance 2013-04;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Mohave County Board of Supervisors hereby imposes, with the exemptions listed below, a prohibition on open fires, campfires, and permissible consumer fireworks on private and public lands in the unincorporated County, effective May 25, 2018, at 12:00 p.m., until such time as the Determination of Fire Emergency is rescinded.

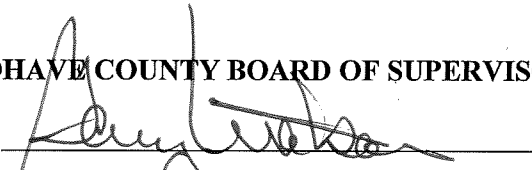
A. The following fires are exempt from this prohibition

1. Fires set or permitted by any public officer, federal, state or local, in the performance of the officer's official duties.
2. Fires set or permitted by the State Entomologist or Mohave County agricultural agents for the purpose of disease and pest prevention.
3. Fires set or permitted by the United States, the State of Arizona, or any federally-recognized Indian tribe, or any of their respective departments, agencies or political subdivisions for the purpose of fire prevention or control, or watershed rehabilitation or control through vegetative manipulation.
4. Fires permitted by the Emergency Management Officer or designee. The conditions of the permit, including permitted dates and the nature of the burning shall be clearly stated on any such permit issued.
5. Fires fueled by propane or charcoal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this **Proclamation** imposing a ban on open fires, campfires and consumer fireworks shall be lifted when the Emergency Management Officer issues a written determination that an emergency condition warranting an Outdoor Fire and Permissible Consumer Fireworks Prohibition no longer exists within the county.

DATED this 23rd day of May, 2018

MOHAVE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


Gary Watson, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Ginny Anderson, Clerk of the Board

