

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
AND NO BURN DECLARATION
FOR MARTIN COUNTY, INDIANA**

Whereas, Martin County, Indiana, has been, and is currently, in a prolonged period of drought which has created a state of emergency and urgent necessity; and

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of Martin County, Indiana, find the potential for catastrophic fires hazards presented by the current drought conditions; and

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of Martin County, Indiana, find that a burn ban affecting certain activities is a highly appropriate public safety response to the hazards presented by the current drought conditions.

Now Therefore, we, the Board of Commissioners of Martin County, Indiana, declare pursuant to Indiana Code 10-14-3-29, that a state of emergency exists in Martin County, Indiana, and that we hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Indiana Code which are applicable to the conditions and cause the issuance of this order to be in full force and effect in Martin County, Indiana, for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for the protection of the lives and property of the people of Martin County, Indiana.

We, the Board of Commissioners of Martin County, Indiana, also declare that, effective immediately, the following activities are prohibited in Martin County, Indiana:

1. Campfires and any other form of recreational fire unless said fires are enclosed in a fire ring measuring at least 23 inches in diameter and 10 inches or more in height.
2. Open burning of any kind using wood or any other combustible matter, with the exception of cooking grills fueled by charcoal briquettes or propane gas. Charcoal from permitted grills shall not be removed from a grill until the charcoal has been thoroughly extinguished.
3. Open burning of any kind of debris, such as timber, vegetation, building construction waste or otherwise, with the exception of burning barrels with a ¼ inch mesh top and said burning shall be permitted from dawn to dusk only.

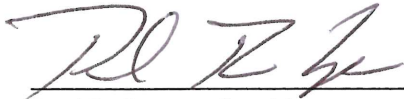
Any individual or entity found in violation of this order shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$200.00 but not more than \$1,000.00, plus applicable court costs.

All public offices and employees of Martin County, Indiana, are hereby called upon to exercise the utmost diligence and discharge of duties required of them for the duration of this emergency and in the execution of laws, regulations and directives whether state and/or local.

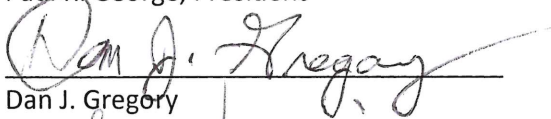
All Martin County, Indiana, residents are hereby called upon and directed to comply with emergency management measures, to cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency management plans and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of property identified officers.

This order shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Board of Commissioners of Martin County, Indiana.

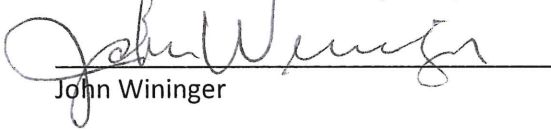
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF JUNE, 2012, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MARTIN COUNTY, INDIANA.



Paul R. George, President



Dan J. Gregory



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ATTEST:



Nancy J. Steiner, Martin County Auditor

