

**COUNTY OF NAVARRO**  
**DISASTER DECLARATION**  
**Threat of Wildfires and Drought**

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SHERRY DOWD, County Clerk  
NAVARRO COUNTY, TEXAS  
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**Whereas**, Navarro County is experiencing adverse conditions from wildfires due to heavy fuel loads and dry/windy conditions; and

**Whereas**, weather forecasters offer little promise of a change in these dry/windy conditions in the near future; and

**Whereas**, these dry/windy conditions pose a threat of fast-moving wildfires; and

**Whereas**, such fires have the potential of endangering lives and damaging property on a wide scale; and

**Whereas**, the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 authorizes the declaration of a state of disaster "if the threat of disaster is imminent"; and

**Whereas**, the magnitude of the potential damage and the rapidity at which such a fire could escalate to major proportions constitutes an imminent threat of disaster; and

**Whereas**, declaration of such a disaster authorizes the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of such fires; and

**Whereas**, such controls, once implemented, have the potential of protecting lives and property by mitigating the threat of dangerous fires;

**BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED** that I, H. M. Davenport, County Judge, do hereby declare a state of disaster based on the threat of wildfires in Navarro County.

**BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED** that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above-cited statute, **but in no instance will this declaration continue for more than seven days without authorization by the Navarro County Commissioners Court;**

**BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED** that this state of disaster is being declared solely for the purpose of implementing controls aimed at mitigating the hazard posed by wildfires during dry/windy weather.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I affix my signature this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.

  
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H.M. Davenport, Navarro County Judge

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Attest:

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Sherry Dowd, Navarro County Clerk