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DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Wildfires in various sections of the county have the potential to threaten life and property. Emergency personnel are prepared to take action to evacuate county residents if necessary and support all efforts toward fire suppression. Any or all available resources to protect life and property within the county are subject to being called on to assist; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above-described emergency, I have determined that since March 19th at 2PM an imminent threat of existing conditions has caused widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property, and public safety authorities will be unable to maintain public order or afford adequate protection for lives or property; and

WHEREAS, the Henderson County Fire Marshal has previously banned outdoor burning pursuant to §78-16.1 of the Henderson County Code; and

WHEREAS, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein is necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to secure property.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Chairperson of the Henderson County Board of Commissioners under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 76 of the Henderson County Code of Ordinances:

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within Henderson County, North Carolina.


Section 2. The burning ban remains in effect for all of Henderson County until further notice.

Section 4. I hereby order all Henderson County law enforcement officers under the command of Sheriff Lowell Griffin and all county emergency service and public safety resources at the direction of Emergency Services Director Jimmy Brissie to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and the Henderson County Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 5. I hereby order this declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be filed with Clerk to the Henderson County Board of Commissioners; and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 6. This declaration shall take effect on March 24, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED this the 24th day of March at 5:00pm


William Lapsley, Board Chair