

**BARNES COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA  
FIRE EMERGENCY ORDER AND BURN BAN PROCLAMATION**

**MAY 6, 2008**

WHEREAS, Barnes County, North Dakota is under abnormally dry conditions; and,

WHEREAS, Barnes County has either sustained or been threatened with rural fires as of this date; and,

WHEREAS, the Barnes County Board of Commissioners recognizes that current conditions have created an extreme risk to the citizens and property within Barnes County, North Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to regulate activities within the County which pose a potential hazard for such loss, should the present weather conditions continue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners declares Barnes County under a Fire Emergency Order and a Burn Ban is in effect when the Fire Index is in the High to Extreme category or the winds are more than 20 miles per hour. Any burning that takes place from the time the burn ban is in effect, even when the conditions on the Fire Index are lower, must be cleared ahead of time with the fire chief in that jurisdiction and must also be called in to Barnes County Dispatch as a controlled burn.

Pursuant to NDCC 37-17.1-10(3), any person who willfully violates the burning ban established by this resolution is guilty of an infraction, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00, and restitution of fire suppression costs may be sought from the court.

Dated at Barnes County, North Dakota, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy Schwehr, Chair  
Barnes County Board of Commissioners

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ed McGough, County Auditor