

# WARREN COUNTY

STATE OF INDIANA

WILLIAMSPORT, IN 47993

## LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WARREN COUNTY, INDIANA

June 5, 2023 - 6/19/23

*ended - June 30, 2023*

*6-19-23 Extended to July 5, 2023*

**WHEREAS**, Warren County, Indiana is immediately threatened by a natural disaster-specifically county wide drought condition, and:

**WHEREAS**, as of the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 0600 hours we find Warren County to be at risk of widespread fire hazards because of the ongoing drought conditions and:

**WHEREAS**, a County wide burn ban affecting certain activities is an appropriate safety response to the fire hazards presented by the current drought conditions;

**NOW THEREFORE**, we, the Warren County Board of Commissioners, in conformity with the Fire Chiefs of Warren County, declare, pursuant to the provisions of IC 10-14-3-29, that a state of emergency exists in the County and that we hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Indiana Code which are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this declaration, to be in full force and effect in; the County for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection for the lives and property of the people of Warren County.

**We also declare that effective immediately, the following activities are prohibited in Warren County:**

1. Campfires and other recreational fires, unless enclosed in a fire ring with dimensions of 23 inches in diameter x 10 inches high or larger;
2. Open burning of any kind using conventional fuel such as wood, or other combustible matter, with the exception of grills fueled by charcoal briquettes or propane;
3. The burning of debris, such as timber for vegetation, including such debris that results from building construction activities and any other open-air fires, including the use of fireworks;

**Burning will be allowed in burn barrels with a ¼" mesh top from dawn to dusk only. All burning must be monitored**

Reference is hereby made to all appropriate law, statutes, ordinances, and resolutions and particularly to Section 10-14-3-29 of the Indiana Code.

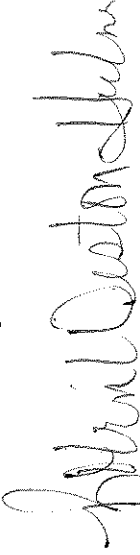
All public office and employees of Warren County are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties, required to them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of emergency law, regulations, and directives whether state and local.

All residents are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures to cooperate with public officials and Emergency Management forces in executing emergency plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful direction of properly identified officers.

**This Declaration will remain in effect until further notice.**

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

Warren County Auditor



Warren County Commissioners

