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**RESOLUTION R2023-74  
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DROUGHT EMERGENCY  
(NOVEMBER 16, 2023)**

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to the Code of Nelson County, Virginia Chapter 2, Article III, Section 2-74, §44-146.21 and §15.2-922.1 of the State Code of Virginia 1950 as Amended, a local state of emergency due to drought and ban on open air outdoor burning in Nelson County is declared on this November 16, 2023; and


**WHEREAS**, the declaration of local drought emergency and ban on open air outdoor burning in Nelson County has been precipitated by dangerously dry conditions throughout the county that are favorable for rapid fire spread due to the lack of measurable rainfall, and

**WHEREAS**, the rainfall for the spring/summer growing season has been extremely low across most of Nelson County, and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Cooperative Extension, investigating the effects of the drought on local agriculture, has determined that the lack of rainfall has caused significant yield losses for hay and livestock producers; and losses will continue to be seen during the winter months as hay and pasture stockpiles dwindle,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Nelson County Board of Supervisors does hereby declare a local emergency due to drought and hereby adopts attached Emergency Ordinance 2023-01 to enact a ban on open air outdoor burning; which will remain in effect until the sooner of sixty (60) days, unless re-adopted in conformity with the provisions of §15.2-1427(F) of the State Code of Virginia; or such time that the County receives significant rainfall that decreases fire risk and the Board, in its judgement, has deemed that all necessary emergency actions have been taken.

Adopted: November 16, 2023

Attest: , Clerk  
Nelson County Board of Supervisors