

**MEADE COUNTY
RESOLUTION 2016 - __**

WHEREAS, Meade County has Ordinance No. 27: Regulating Fireworks, Campfires and other Incendiary Devices in MEADE COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, Meade County is suffering from moderate to severe drought conditions due to significantly low moisture, late frost conditions, extreme heat, and strong winds; and

WHEREAS, Meade County has a substantial amount of vegetation and timbered property, increasing the potential fuel for a fire; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) § 7-8-20(18) authorizes the Meade County Commission to prohibit or restrict open burning, after consultation with local fire officials and law enforcement officials, in order to protect the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of this Resolution, **Open Fire**: Means any outdoor fire, including campfires, that is not contained within a fully enclosed fire box or structure from which the products of combustion are emitted directly to the open atmosphere without passing through a stack, duct or chimney. Open Fire shall not include Charcoal Grills or Liquid Fuel Grills. Open Fire shall not include burn barrels; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Meade County, pursuant to SDCL § 7-18A-8, hereby deem it necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety to adopt the restrictions set forth in this Resolution and it is the intent of the Meade County Board of Commissioners that the provisions of this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Meade County enact this Resolution on an emergency basis and impose a ban to prohibit Open Fire; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Open Fire Ban will be in place until fire conditions improve and the Meade County Commission takes action to remove the ban.

Dated this 28th day of June, 2016.

Galen Niederwerder, Chairman
Meade County Commission

ATTEST:

Lisa Schieffer
Meade County Auditor