

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-16

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IMPLEMENTING A BURN BAN**

WHEREAS, Hurricane Michael was the most intense storm on record to hit the Florida Panhandle, and was among the top four most powerful hurricanes to hit the United States; and

WHEREAS, damages from Hurricane Michael include the destruction of vegetation and forests; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has experienced an extended period of drought; and

WHEREAS, the combination fuel for fires and the extended drought has raised the risks of wildfires to an unsafe level; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA;

Dry condition and the imminent potential for further forest and brush fires pose a serious threat to the lives and property of the residents of Washington County and a state of Local Emergency is hereby declared effective immediately.

All outdoor burning of yard trash, household paper products, bonfires, campfires, warming fires, outdoor fire places, chimeneas, and cooking fires within said Jurisdictions is prohibited unless: 1) authorized by the Florida Forest Service; or 2) for the cooking of food exclusively within a contained gas or charcoal grill.

The setting of fires except as approved by the Florida Forest Services, shall constitute a violation of the law.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Washington County Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Florida, this 8th day of May 2020.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA**


Tray Hawkins, Chairman

ATTEST:


Lora Bell, Clerk of Court
Deputy Clerk