

## RESOLUTION NO. 1583

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE YAVAPAI COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS ON OPEN FIRES ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LANDS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF YAVAPAI COUNTY, URGING COMPLIANCE WITH FIRE RESTRICTIONS ENACTED BY AUTHORIZED ENTITIES AND URGING PARTICULAR CAUTION IN ALL USES OF FIRE DURING THIS PERIOD OF EXTREME FIRE DANGER.**

**WHEREAS**, wildfires within the boundaries of Yavapai County have caused widespread damage to public and private property and continue to threaten further destruction; and

**WHEREAS**, said fires have threatened, and continue to threaten, the health and safety of the public and continue to jeopardize the peace and order in the currently-affected areas of Yavapai County; and

**WHEREAS**, extreme fire danger conditions as presently exist within Yavapai County pose an imminent threat of additional fires within the currently affected areas and elsewhere within Yavapai County; and

**WHEREAS**, during periods of extreme fire danger, flames and sparks from campfires and other open fires may easily ignite surrounding fuel materials resulting in additional fires and, thereby further increasing the threat to public health, safety, peace and order in Yavapai County; and

**WHEREAS**, additional fires within Yavapai County would require diversion of resources currently employed to extinguish the existing fires and would pose additional threats to life and property in those areas affected : and

**WHEREAS**, authorized federal, state and local entities have enacted fire restrictions for certain areas within their jurisdictions and may enact additional restrictions in the future as conditions warrant; and

**WHEREAS**, persons violating fire restrictions enacted by authorized entities may be subject to criminal prosecution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Yavapai County Emergency Management Coordinator has recommended that Yavapai County take such steps as may be appropriate to advise the public of the extreme fire danger, to impose limitations on open fires and campfires on both public and private lands, to urge strict compliance with fire restrictions and to generally promote fire safety throughout Yavapai County.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. That, subject to those exceptions set forth in this Resolution, all open fires and campfires on private and public lands in the unincorporated areas of Yavapai County are hereby prohibited until such time as the Emergency Management Coordinator of Yavapai County determines that the extreme fire danger has subsided.

2. That fireworks and other pyrotechnic displays are expressly subject to said prohibition unless such displays are approved in writing in advance by the responding fire agency.
3. That although petroleum-fueled stoves or lanterns and enclosed charcoal barbeque grills operated in residential yards are exempted from this prohibition, the public is urged to exercise extreme caution in the use of such stove, lanterns or grills.
4. That the public is urged to strictly obey any and all federal, state or local fire restrictions currently in force as well as any such restrictions as may be enacted in the future
5. That the fire restrictions set forth in this Resolution shall be subject to any exceptions established by current or future federal, state or local fire restrictions and shall not apply on those public lands on which fire restrictions have not been imposed.
6. That regardless of any exceptions to the fire restrictions contained in this Resolution or any exceptions contained in fire restrictions enacted by other entities, the public is hereby urged to use particular caution in all uses of fire during this period of extreme fire danger.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2005.

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors