## FIRE EMERGENCY

## And

## AUTOMATIC OPEN BURN POLICY PROCLAMATION

For

## BOTTINEAU COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

April 6th, 2021

WHEREAS, Bottineau County, North Dakota has endured dry conditions

WHEREAS, Bottineau County has either sustained or been threatened with rural fires as of this date; and

WHEREAS, all available resources remain committed to protecting life and property; and

WHEREAS, the impact of fires could threaten the health, well-being, and safety of citizens in Bottineau County; and

WHEREAS, the cost of response and the inordinate equipment wear may be far in excess of available County resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Bottineau County Commissioners, pursuant to NDCC 37-17.1-10, declares a Fire Emergency and an Automatic Burn Policy (including a ban on the ignition of fireworks, campfires, fire pits, fire rings, recreational fires, garbage burning, pit burning, burning of farm land/ditches) remain in effect whenever the North Dakota Fire Danger Rating is in the High, Very High or Extreme Status and/or a Red Flag warning has been issued for Bottineau County, North Dakota.

This policy will remain in effect until further notice. ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THIS BURN POLICY IS GUILTY OF A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR (UP TO 30 DAYS IN JAIL AND A \$1,500.00 FINE). THE BOTTINEAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE CITATIONS TO VIOLATORS.

DATED at Bottineau, North Dakota this 6th day of April, 2021

Charlie Adams, Bottineau County Commission

Attest: /

Emily Deschamp, County Auditor