

Bland County
Board of Supervisors



Commonwealth
of Virginia

**A RESOLUTION
DECLARING LOCAL EMERGENCY
BURN BAN**

WHEREAS, the Local Director of Emergency Management, in accordance with §44-146.21, Declaration of local emergency, of the Code of Virginia, in consultation with the local fire chiefs and the Local Emergency Management Coordinator, declared a Local Emergency on November 7, 2023, at 1:47 p.m. enacting a burning ban; and,

WHEREAS, due to severe dry weather conditions in the County of Bland and low water levels in creeks and streams, a heightened level of concern is fostered regarding increased risk of fire, the availability of water to fight a large fire, and the increased danger placed on fire fighters; and,

WHEREAS, the County is authorized by § 15.2-922.1. Regulating or prohibiting the making of fires, to regulate the making of fires on private property and public places when a declared exists; and,

WHEREAS, also in accordance with §44-146.21, the governing body shall confirm the declaration of a local emergency at its next regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting within 45 days of the declaration, whichever occurs first; and,

WHEREAS, also in accordance with §44-146.21, the governing body, when in its judgment all emergency actions have been taken, shall take appropriate action to end the declared emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Bland County Board of Supervisors hereby declares by way of resolution, confirmation of the declaration by the Director of Emergency Management of a local emergency for Bland County for on November 7, 2023, at 1:47 p.m. and authorizes the County Administrator to file with the Governor of Virginia, and that the County of Bland is in a state of Local Emergency; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that at the time of the adoption of this resolution, Bland County was still under a local emergency and an additional resolution will be needed to certify the ending of the declared emergency.

Adopted and ratified this, the 7th day of November 2023, in Bland County, Virginia.

Attest:

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By: *Stephen Kelley*
Stephen Kelley, Chairman
County of Bland