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STANDING ROCK BURN BAN

WHEREAS: High temperatures, gusty winds, low humidity and extremely dry vegetation throughout the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation has contributed to a strong likelihood of rapidly developing wildland fires this Spring and Summer, and

WHEREAS: Drought conditions during the past several months and a deficit of snow cover and rain during the 2024-2025 winter has created extremely dry conditions throughout the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation, and

WHEREAS: THE National Weather Service 2025 fire outlook indicated dry conditions and warm temperatures will persist throughout the Spring of 2025, and

WHEREAS: The potential exists for rapidly spreading wildland fires that may threaten the safety of the residents of the Standing Rock Nation, which may result in the loss of feed and crops, as well as threaten livestock and structures on the Standing Rock Sioux Nation, and

WHEREAS: The Standing Rock Tribal Government and the Bureau of Indian Affairs have issued a "BURN BAN" throughout the Standing Rock Reservation until drought conditions improve, and

WHEREAS : the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Government in conjunction with the Standing Rock Bureau of Indian Affairs Wild Land Fire department is standing ready to address any and all wildland fires on the Standing Rock Nation,

WHEREAS; I, Janet Alkire, Chairwoman of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, in cooperation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Wild Land Fire department and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Superintendent do hereby Declare an Emergency Drought and Extreme Fire Declaration this date: March 11,2025 and ending when drought conditions improve.

Janet Alkire, Chairman
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

Sheila White Mountain, Superintendent
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