## ORDER #2022-18

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners' Court has determined that drought conditions exist within Panola County to the extent that outdoor burning would be a hazard;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** by the Commissioners' Court of Panola County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated areas of Panola County for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Commissioners' Court with consideration of the Texas Forest Services. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code, Section 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for : (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agriculture crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

In accordance with Local Government Code Section 352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00

**ADOPTED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022 by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

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Honorable Billy Alexander Commissioner, Precinct One

Honorable David A. Cole Commissioner, Precinct Two



Honorable Craig M. Lawless Commissioner, Precinct Three

County Judge David L. Anderson

Honorable Dale LaGrone Commissioner, Precinct Four