

RESOLUTION 2000 – 80

A RESOLUTION OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT CONSISTS OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AS PROVIDED BY PART I, CHAPTER 252, FLORIDA STATUTES AND BY ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ORDINANCE #94-25.

WHEREAS, exceedingly hot, dry, parched, and windy conditions have prevailed throughout St. Johns County, Florida (the County), for the past several weeks; and

WHEREAS, as a result of said conditions numerous brush and forest wildfires have been ignited throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, because of said conditions, wildfires once ignited, are extremely difficult to control and contain, and therefore the personnel and resources of the County and State battling the same are exposed to high risk, and the spread of said wildfires promotes and ever-increasing threat to the safety of the lives and property of the County's residents; and

WHEREAS, the abatement of said conditions throughout the County is not anticipated in the foreseeable future, and therefore the continued outbreak of brush and forest wildfires is expected to continue throughout portions of the Summer; and

WHEREAS, said conditions demand that further precautions be taken to protect the citizens, visitors, and property of the County and to ensure that the health, safety, and welfare of the community is preserved; and

WHEREAS, the potential fires may become beyond the capability of the County to effectively respond and control; and

WHEREAS, certain additional specialized equipment and personnel may be required to assist in evacuation and take protective action with regard to life and property; and

WHEREAS, wildfires in other parts of the State of Florida have depleted regional fire fighting resources that might otherwise be available to assist the County; and

WHEREAS, the County may request assistance from the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA:

By virtue of the authority of Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, Part I, and all other applicable laws, the Board does hereby promulgate the following Proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

Section I

A state of local emergency exists within St. Johns County due to the effects of dry conditions and numerous fires that have been burning in the County.

Section II

St. Johns County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (the Plan) is hereby activated and the St. Johns County Administrator shall have the power, authority, and duties to take any and all actions under the Plan and St. Johns County Ordinance 94-25 necessary for the preservation of the health, welfare, and safety of the people of St. Johns County. _____

Section III

The state of local emergency shall exist for a period of seven days from the effective date of this order. The state of local emergency may be extended in seven-day increments as necessary. This order shall be effective upon filing with the Office of the County Clerk, St. Johns County, in accordance with Section 252.46(2), Florida Statutes.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this 6th day of June, 2000.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: James E. Bryant
James E. Bryant, Chairman

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By: Patricia De Mende
Deputy Clerk

**A STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER PROHIBITING THE USE
OR DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS, AND THE USE OF
FLARES, EXPLOSIVES, SPARKLERS AND OUTDOOR
BURNING DEVICES, AND OTHERWISE LAWFUL
OUTDOOR BURNING WITHIN ST. JOHNS COUNTY,
FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, a state of local emergency has been declared, pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes and St. Johns County Ordinance 94-25, because of the severe threat of fire to the lives and the property of residents of St. Johns County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, due to the hot, dry, parched, windy conditions which continue to cause and exacerbate wildfires within St. Johns County, further measures are required to protect St. Johns County citizens, and visitors, and to protect their health, safety, welfare and property; and

WHEREAS, the occurrence or threat of an emergency due to such conditions and fires is imminent and requires immediate and expeditious action,

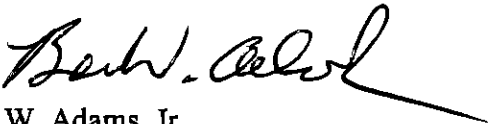
NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the emergency power vested in the County pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes and the authority vested in the County Administrator pursuant to Section 8 of St. Johns County Ordinance 94-24, it is hereby ordered that, during the state of local emergency, the use or discharge of (1) fireworks (as defined in Florida Statute 791.01), (2) sparklers approved by the Division of State Fire Marshal pursuant to Florida Statute 791.013 (and any other sparklers), (3) trick noisemakers and other items listed in Florida Statute 791.01(4)(c) using explosives or combustible compounds (excluding auto burglar alarms used for their intended use), (4) flares; and the use of outdoor burning devices (excluding attended and monitored barbecue/cooking equipment); and any otherwise lawful outdoor burning, such as lawn, debris, or trash burning, are hereby prohibited throughout St. Johns County during the period of local emergency and any extension(s). Nothing herein shall be deemed to prohibit the smoking of tobacco products.

The County Administrator, in coordination with officials of municipalities within the County, shall determine whether Fourth of July fireworks displays sponsored by the County or the municipalities shall be permitted. This determination shall be made when fire safety conditions at the time of such displays can be reasonably predicted.

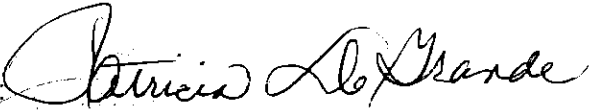
Any person not abiding by this order is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in Florida Statute 775.082 or Florida Statute 775.083.

DONE and ORDERED this 6th day of June, 2000.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OF
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Ben W. Adams, Jr.

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: 
Deputy Clerk

