COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FIREWORKS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in San Patricio County; and

WHEREAS, on the 29TH of May, 2018 the Commissioners Court of San Patricio County, Texas has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of San Patricio County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of San Patricio County adopts this Order prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of San Patricio County.

- A. A person may not sell, detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified as "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins" as defined in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, §173.100(r)(2) in effect on October 1, 1986 in any portion of the unincorporated areas of San Patricio County.
- B. This Order does not prohibit "permissible fireworks" as authorized in Occupations Code Section 2154.003(a).
- C. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this Order. An offense under this order is a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.
- D. This Order expires on the date the Texas Forest Service determines drought conditions no longer exist in the county; alternatively, on or after December 20, 2018, whichever is earlier.

APPROVED this the 29th day of May, 2018, by the San Patricio County Commissioners Court.

Terry Simpson

San Patricio County Judge

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Gracie Alaniz-Gonzales

San Patricio County Clerk