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**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**Hernando County Issues Burn Ban**

**(Brooksville, FL)** In accordance with Hernando County Code Chapter 12 Article VI, Hernando County is instituting an emergency temporary prohibition (Burn Ban) of all outdoor burning effective April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, for all unincorporated areas of Hernando County. An ongoing lack of precipitation and increasing temperatures has created conditions highly favorable for brush fires to occur and rapidly spread. The current Keetch-Byram Drought Index for Hernando County on April 26, 2025, is 559 and rising (Moderate/High drought), which places Hernando County "Very High" in Fire Danger risk according to Florida Forest Service Forecast reports.

The county-wide Burn Ban prohibits all outdoor burning that has not been specifically permitted by the Florida Forest Service. Bon Fires, campfires, and burning of vegetation (yard) debris is not allowed. The burn ban does not pertain to cooking on attended and monitored barbecue equipment, so long as that equipment is a contained gas or charcoal grill.

Be mindful that simply tossing a lit cigarette into the grass can easily ignite brush fires that can spread out of control rapidly putting people in danger and threatening homes and businesses.

We appreciate your cooperation to ensure the safety of the community and visitors. The burn ban will continue to be in effect until further notice.

To report violations of the burn ban please contact the Hernando County Communications Center at 352-754-6830.

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