EXECUTIVE ORDER OF WARD COUNTY JUDGE

WHEREAS, by proclamation issued June 23, 2022, the County Judge of Ward County declared a local state of disaster for Ward County, resulting from:

THE THREAT OF WILDFIRES DUE TO DROUGHT AND OTHER WEATHER RELATED CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management;

NOW, THEREFORE, the following regulations shall take effect immediately upon issuance of this order and shall remain in effect until the state of disaster is terminated:

- 1. THE SALE, DISCHARGE, USE AND OUTDOOR POSSESSION OF FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED THROUGHOUT WARD COUNTY.
- 2. OTHER THAN IN AN APPROPRIATE DISPOSAL CONTAINER, THE DISCARD OF COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS (e.g. cigarettes, cigars, etc.) IN AN OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT IS PROHIBITED.

EXCEPTION: The prohibition regarding fireworks contained in this Order shall not prohibit any public display conducted under the approval and supervision of the local volunteer fire department.

In accordance with the Local Government Code, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by fine up to \$500.00.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDER IS THE MITIGATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY HAZARD POSED BY WILDFIRES DURING THE CURRENT DROUGHT AND SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS BY CURTAILING THE USE OF ALL COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS.

ISSUED this 23rd day of June, 2022.

GREG MAHOLLY

WARD COUNTY JUDGE