

**A STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER PERTAINING TO A BAN  
ON THE USE OF FLARES, EXPLOSIVES, OR OUTDOOR  
BURNING DEVICES OR OTHERWISE LAWFUL OUTDOOR  
BURNING**

**WHEREAS**, a state of local emergency is hereby declared by order on February 10, 2026, ratified by the Board on February 17, 2026, because of a severe threat of fire to lives and property in Marion County, Florida, and

**WHEREAS**, that due to the hot, dry, parched, windy conditions which continue to cause, exacerbate, and threaten wildfires within Marion County, further measures are required to protect Marion County citizens and visitors, and to otherwise protect their health, safety, welfare and property; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Order ratified by the Board on February 17, 2026 provided the power delegated from the Board to the Chairman of the Board, to approve by written memoranda to the Marion County Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director successive seven-day extensions of the Order after first determining a need therefor; and,

**NOW THEREFORE**, in accordance with the provisions of said local emergency declaration, the prohibitions in said Order are hereby extended for an additional period of seven (7) days from the date hereof.

**DONE and ORDERED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

  
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CARL ZALACK, CHAIRMAN