RESOLUTION 2007-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BAKER COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR RECALL OF SAME; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 252, Florida Statutes, empowers counties to have emergency management jurisdiction over the entire areas and to perform emergency management functions within their territorial limits; and

WHEREAS, according to the best available weather information, dry weather conditions have contributed to drought conditions throughout the State will continue; and

WHEREAS, that due to weather conditions, any open burning creates unacceptable risks for accidental or careless ignition of dry vegetation; and

WHEREAS, it is currently impossible to determine how long the adverse weather conditions will continue; and

WHEREAS, open fire burning, as well as the use of fireworks, sparklers, and other combustibles poses an extreme hazard and threat to public safety; and

WHEREAS, due to the threat of wildfires which continue within Baker County, further measures are required to protect Baker County citizens, and visitor, and to otherwise protect their lives, health, safety, welfare and property;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Declaration of Local Emergency.

a. Pursuant to the authority conferred by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and after consultation with state and local authorities that severe drought and weather
conditions, combined with the abundance of easily-ignitable dead vegetation, increase the potential of serious wildfires occurring within the County, a local state of emergency exists in Baker County effective May 2, 2007, at 12:00 p.m., and will continue to exist until formally terminated by a majority of the Baker County Board of County Commissioners.

b. The declaration above shall authorize the activation of the Baker County Emergency Operations Plan and the exercise of all powers provided by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes.

Section 2. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting, by the Board of County Commissioners of Baker County, Florida in regular session, this 1st day of May 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

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