

ST. JOHNS COUNTY EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 2026-3

**AN ORDER EXTENDING THE STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
IMPOSING A BURN BAN**

WHEREAS, a state of local of emergency was declared and enacted through St. Johns County Emergency Proclamation No. 2026-1, pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes and St. Johns County Ordinance 2021-4 (St. Johns County Emergency Management Ordinance), imposing a burn ban due to extreme drought conditions to protect human life and animal life and to avert the overwhelming destruction of property that could result from a wildfire; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County continues to experience extreme drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (soil moisture) has exceeded 500, a threshold indicating very dry soil conditions and a high potential for wildfire ignition and spread; and

WHEREAS, parts of the County received rain over the weekend, it was not sufficient to abate the drought conditions; therefore, the threat of wildfires continues.

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the emergency power vested in the County pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and St. Johns County Ordinance No. 2021-4, it is hereby declared that:

1. The state of local emergency declared through St. Johns County Emergency Proclamation No. 2026-1 is hereby extended for an additional 7 days from the effective date and time of this Proclamation.
2. All emergency powers, declarations, and orders authorized by St. Johns County Emergency Proclamation No. 2026-1 are hereby retained, ratified, and continued in time for the duration of this Proclamation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED effective immediately, by the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, this 4th day of May 2026.

Rendition Date MAY 04 2026

**BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS ST. JOHNS
COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____

Clay Murphy, Chair

ATTEST: Brandon J. Patty,
Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

By: Crystal Smith
Deputy Clerk

