

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 2026-4**  
**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**, extreme drought conditions and elevated wildfire risk continue to pose a significant threat to St. Johns County and across the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (soil moisture) for St. Johns County now exceeds 500, indicating very dry soil conditions and a high potential for wildfire ignition and spread; and

**WHEREAS**, ongoing drought conditions, combined with wildfire activity in neighboring counties and a lack of significant rainfall, necessitate continued restrictions.

**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 11th day of May 2026.

Rendition Date MAY 11 2026

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_

*Clay Murphy*  
Clay Murphy, Chair

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

By: Crystal Smith  
Deputy Clerk

