RESOLUTION NO. 2013-1472

A RESOLUTION URGING CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON TO ABSTAIN FROM USING FIRE SOURCES THAT COULD LEAD TO DEADLY AND/OR DESTRUCTIVE CONSEQUENCES DURING PERIODS OF EXTREME DROUGHT

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington and surrounding areas are in the midst of a serious, long-term drought; and

WHEREAS, these drought conditions create the potential for extreme fire danger; and

WHEREAS, open burning, campfires, the disposal of improperly extinguished cigarettes, the use of fireworks, and other outdoor fire sources exacerbate the potential for fire danger under these conditions; and

WHEREAS, under these drought conditions, even the most responsible use of fire sources could cause of fire; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Farmington is very concerned that under these severely dry conditions even a small fire could quickly spread and endanger people and property within the City; and

WHEREAS, the State Forestry Division has issued its fire use restrictions entitled "Smoking, Firework, Campfire, and Open Fire Restrictions for New Mexico", also known as "Stage I Fire Restrictions", on May 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the State Forestry Division may adopt, should drought conditions worsen, additional restrictions known as "Stage II Fire Restrictions"; and

WHEREAS, those restrictions, as stated, do not apply to "municipal lands", but under these conditions, the City Council believes that these same restrictions should apply on all lands within the City as well.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON, that:

1. All citizens and visitors of the city of Farmington are urged to be aware of fire risks and to abstain from the use of fire sources in ways that could lead to deadly and/or destructive consequences during periods of extreme drought.

2. The State Forestry Division's "Smoking, Firework, Campfire and Open Fire Restrictions for New Mexico", Stage I Fire Restrictions, issued on May 2, 2013 (copy attached hereto), are hereby adopted and will apply within the City.

3. If the State Forestry Division upgrades its "Smoking, Firework, Campfire and Open Fire Restrictions for New Mexico" in the Farmington area to Stage II Fire Restrictions, those restrictions will automatically, when issued, apply within the City as well.

PASSED, APPROVED, SIGNED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of June, 2013.

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Tommy Roberts, Mayor

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ATTEST:

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Melody Coyner, Deputy City Clerk