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WHEREAS the Parish of Bossier is threatened with an emergency condition within our parish due to the lack of rainfall we have had dry conditions in our region, this has created dangerous fire conditions for Bossier Parish. Fires have already occurred where there have been property losses.

According to the Weekly U.S Drought Monitor, all Bossier Parish is in Drought conditions. The North portion of the Parish is now in D2- Severe Drought conditions with the Southern portion of the Parish area in a D1- Moderate Drought conditions. The LADAF – Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry advised the fire Chiefs the next three days our parish will see increased fire threat conditions. With the current state of dryness / drought across the region and our parish, this all creates the very dry ground and vegetative conditions for the wildfire threat development. These conditions will remain and will likely get worse if we do not receive adequate rainfall in our area. This dryness along with any wind conditions will have a negative impact on our parish by the increased fire danger threat within Bossier Parish and surrounding areas.

WHEREAS, The Bossier Parish Fire Chief's agree, that there is a very definite threat possibility to life and property of the citizens of this Parish as well as first responders' safety issues; and requested the Burn Ban be in effect immediately for the entire Bossier Parish area beginning Monday February 23rd until these conditions improve and,

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721, et seq., and specifically La. R.S. 29:727 confers upon the Parish President emergency powers to deal with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or manmade causes, in order to ensure that preparations of their Parish will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the their Parish;

WHEREAS, when the Parish President determines that a disaster or emergency has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent, La. R.S. 29:727(D) empowers the Parish President to declare a state of emergency by executive order or proclamation, or both.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Salzer the Bossier Parish President of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, by authority vested in me by the Parish Charter and the Louisiana Disaster Act, do hereby proclaim:

A STATE OF EMERGENCY does exist within Bossier Parish and that the Emergency Preparedness / All Hazard Emergency Operations Plan be activated and in effect immediately.

Issued on the 23rd day of February 2026 and is effective at time of issuance.

Honorable Tom Salzer
President, Bossier Parish Police Jury

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