



**SHANE LONG  
COUNTY JUDGE  
PALO PINTO COUNTY, TEXAS**



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The Honorable Greg Abbott  
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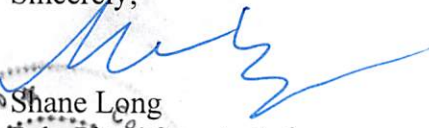
Dear Governor Abbott,

Palo Pinto County is experiencing extreme drought conditions, and these conditions are projected to continue through the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday period. Due to these conditions, it is imperative that we take action to protect the lives and property of the citizens of our county.

As Palo Pinto County Judge, I have signed a Declaration of Local Disaster on June 25, 2022, due to extreme drought conditions and a wildland fire that started the Dempsey Fire east of Palo Pinto along the Brazos River. The fire has grown to over 11,500 acres and threatened the community of Graford, as well as areas of the Brazos River. An Amended Declaration of Local Disaster and Order banning the sale and use of all fireworks in the unincorporated area of Palo Pinto County, has been consented to by the Palo Pinto County Commissioners court, on July 1, 2022, as required by Government Code 418.108; therefore, as required by 418.108(i) of the Government Code, I request that Governor Abbott extend the period prohibiting the sale and use of all fireworks beyond the 60-hour period.

Please notify my office if there is further action needed.

Sincerely,

  
Shane Long  
Palo Pinto County Judge

