

## PUEBLO OF SANTA ANA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

To All Residents of Santa Ana Pueblo:

Upon the authority of the Governors to issue directives to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the Pueblo of Santa Ana, and upon consideration concerning of the State of New Mexico's Executive Order 2022-022 declaring severe drought and fire conditions throughout the State and urging municipal and county governments to consider firework bans under the Fireworks Licensing and Safety Act, please take notice of the following:

- In recent weeks, fire danger has increased throughout the State due to warmer temperatures, lower humidity, high winds, and an abundance of dry, fine fuels;
- According to the United States Drought Monitor, approximately 93% of New Mexico is experiencing severe drought conditions, while more than 70% the State is experiencing extreme to exceptional drought conditions;
- Significant fire danger and prevailing drought conditions create the possibility for numerous natural disasters, including severe wildfires, flooding due to severe wildfires, and crop production loss;
- The State is experiencing, or recently experienced, multiple large wildfires, including the Hermits Peak Fire, the McBride Fire, the Nogal Fire, the Calf Canyon Fire, the Cooks Peak Fire, and the Big Hole Fire;
- Federal authorities have recently enacted early measures to respond to increased fire danger in the State by issuing Stage I and Stage II fire restrictions on federal lands; and
- Other tribal governments have also imposed fire restrictions on their lands.
- Accordingly, pursuant to the authority vested in the Governors of the Pueblo of Santa Ana, we hereby declare severe drought and fire conditions exist throughout New Mexico and are implementing a Pueblo-wide firework ban.

We have authorized the Santa Ana Police Department to take necessary steps to enforce the provisions herein. Additionally, we have conferred jurisdiction on the Santa Ana Contemporary Court and the Traditional Court for any enforcement actions that require civil sanctions in relation to any violation of the directives set forth in this correspondence.

Pursuant to the Fireworks Safety and Licensing Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 60-2C-1 to -11, any Indian person, whether member or non-member, found

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lighting, purchasing, or selling fireworks within the external boundaries of the Pueblo of Santa Ana, will be subject to civil penalties as follows:

1st offense: \$100.00 2nd offense: \$250.00

• 3rd: \$1000.00

• Additional sanctions may also include restitution for damage to personal property.

These directives shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until renewed, modified, or rescinded.

Please understand that all the foregoing measures are intended to preserve and protect the health and safety of the entire community during this time of increased fire danger. We urge all members of our community to cooperate with us to the fullest extent possible as each and every one of us has an obligation to do whatever is needed to keep our community safe. Thank you.

Joseph Sanchez, Governor

Emery Leon, Lt. Governor