WHEREAS, Quay County passed Ordinance No. 27 authorizing the issuance of Burn Ban Proclamation and

WHEREAS, Quay County as with other counties in Eastern New Mexico and West Texas, has experienced a prolonged dry spell with very little moisture; and

WHEREAS, Quay County had determined, based upon current drought indices published by the National Weather Service for one week prior to this date as well as moisture predictions for the drought conditions in Quay County; and

WHEREAS, Quay County has suffered and experienced grass fires and is aware that adjacent and/or adjoining counties have suffered grass fires; and

WHEREAS, Quay County believes that it is in the best interest of the residents of the unincorporated areas of Quay County to impose a County-wide ban on any outdoor open flame, with the exception of propane and charcoal barbecue grills with covers; and

WHEREAS, Quay County has prohibited smoking except in enclosed buildings, within vehicles equipped with ashtrays, and on paved or surfaced roads, developed recreation sites, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.

WHEREAS, Quay County has prohibited fireworks per Ordinance 27, Section 2E, Sections 3-8 and Section 11.

NOW THEREFORE the County Commissioners of Quay County, which is the governing body of Quay County, pursuant to its powers under Ordinance No. 27, to provide for the safety, reserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the moral, order, comfort and convenience of Quay County and its inhabitants hereby proclaim that from this day forward, until otherwise modified or rescinded, that an open fire ban, with the exception of Quay County Fire Departments training, propane and charcoal barbecue grills with covers, shall be imposed throughout the unincorporated areas of Quay County. These restrictions will go into effect Monday, April 25, 2022 until it is determined by the Board of County Commissioners that the fire danger has passed on non-municipal, non-federal and non-tribal lands in Quay County.

Any person charged with a violation of Ordinance No. 27 shall be cited into the Magistrate Court of Quay County and penalties attest per Section 13 of Ordinance 27.

This Proclamation shall be enforced by any Quay County Sheriff’s Deputy, or any State certified law enforcement officer.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of April 2022.

BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

[Signatures]

ATTEST:

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Ellen White, Quay County Clerk