

RESOLUTION NO. 3146

**RESOLUTION TO RESPECT OUR NEIGHBORS' RIGHTS
AND THE RULE OF LAW REGARDING USE OF FIREWORKS
ON AND AROUND THE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION**

WHEREAS, current and forecasted prolonged drought, coupled with extremely dry vegetation throughout southeastern Utah, have created hazardous fire conditions demanding extreme caution; and

WHEREAS, as a result, on June 15, 2018, all Bureau of Land Management, United States Forest Service, National Park Service, State of Utah, and **unincorporated private lands** in Grand County and surrounding counties are under fire restrictions, increased from May 25, 2018, with **prohibited acts of discharging or using any kind of fireworks or other pyrotechnic devices including exploding targets**; and

WHEREAS, ignited fireworks are known to be a cause of wildfire; and

WHEREAS, minimizing the threat of wildfire in Grand County is critical to maintaining public health, safety, welfare and economic well-being for Grand County citizens; and

WHEREAS, recent fire events show the devastating result to Grand County citizens of fire hazard; and

WHEREAS, the 4th of July celebrates the founding of America, a nation bound by the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, in past years illegal fireworks have been discharged without respect to laws and with disregard to other citizens' rights, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Moab City adopted Resolution No. 2018-13 on June 12, 2018 imposing a temporary ban on the discharge of fireworks within the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Grand County Council that it does hereby respectfully implore the citizens to respect our neighbors' rights and the rule of law, including discharging, or using any kind of fireworks on public or unincorporated private lands, regarding use of legal fireworks on and around the 4th of July celebration.

APPROVED by the Grand County Council in open session this 19th day of June 2018, by the following vote:

Those voting aye: Halliday, Hawks, McGann, Paxman, Trim, Wells _____

Those voting nay _____

Those absent: Clapper _____

ATTEST:

Grand County Council

Diana Carroll, Clerk/Auditor



Mary McGann, Chair