

DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

TOWN OF BERLIN

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Connecticut issued a declaration of civil preparedness emergency, proclaiming a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut due to current drought conditions and severe fire danger, which includes a ban on all burning on state owned property:

**WHEREAS**, on November 1, 2024, the Interim Town Manager of the Town of Berlin has found that because of current drought conditions and the Governor's declared state of emergency for the entire State of Connecticut, a state of emergency exists within the Town, requiring immediate action to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of its citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8a(a), 28-1(8), and 28-22, the Interim Town Manager has declared that an emergency condition exists throughout the Town; and


**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that a ban and absolute prohibition on all open burning of fires, outdoor firework displays, campfires, and use of fire pits within the Town of Berlin is hereby enacted; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that such ban shall be enforceable by local and state police, as well as the Town Fire Chief in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-313e;

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that the Interim Town Manager is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the Town of Berlin for the purpose of receipt, processing and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain state and federal assistance related to this emergency;

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED THAT** this state of emergency shall terminate when so voted by the Town Council or declared in writing by the Interim Town Manager.

Dated: November 1, 2024

  
Lee Palmer, Interim Town Manager