RESOLUTION NO. 2015-1560

A RESOLUTION URGING CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON TO ABSTAIN FROM USING FIRE SOURCES THAT COULD LEAD TO DEADLY AND/OR DESTRUCTIVE CONSEQUENCES DURING PERIODS OF DROUGHT

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington and surrounding areas are in the midst of a serious, long-term drought; and

WHEREAS, these drought conditions create the potential for extreme fire danger; and

WHEREAS, open burning, the disposal of improperly extinguished cigarettes, the use of fireworks and other fire sources exacerbate the potential for fire danger under these conditions; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Farmington is very concerned that under these severely dry conditions even a small fire could quickly spread and endanger people and property within the city; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Farmington encourages all citizens when using fireworks to take safety precautions, follow the manufacturer's instructions and warnings, and ensure children are supervised at all times; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Farmington are encouraged to be courteous to neighbors and/or pets while using fireworks; and

WHEREAS, the governing body hereby instructs the Police and Fire Department personnel enforcing fireworks laws and ordinances this Independence Day Holiday season to not issue warnings or warning citations, but to issue and prosecute citations to and against all fireworks offenders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON;

That all citizens of and visitors to the city of Farmington are urged to be aware of fire risks and to abstain from the use of fire sources, including all fireworks, in ways that could lead to deadly and/or destructive consequences during periods of drought.

PASSED, SIGNED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of June, 2015.

Tommy Roberts, Mayor

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Attest:

Dianne Smylie, City Clerk