

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2007 - 164

A RESOLUTION BY CLAYTON COUNTY SUPPORTING THE CONTINUED USE OF PRESCRIBED FIRE IN GEORGIA, AS WELL AS THE GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION AND GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES CONTINUED EDUCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LANDOWNERS; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the use of prescribed fire provides multiple ecological and economic benefits to the public; and

WHEREAS, prescribed fire is a land management/public safety tool in the prevention of wildfires, reduces the liability and loss of private property, and saves lives while it acts as a preventative measure, saving taxpayers the cost of local government public safety and fire fighting officials from responding to wildfires which consume valuable tax resources; and

WHEREAS, prescribed fire is a valuable tool used by land managers, timber growers and the Georgia Forestry Commission in reducing hazardous fuels, reducing the risk of destructive wildfires, preparing sites for both natural and artificial forest regeneration, improving access and controlling detrimental insects and silvicultural diseases; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly passed the Right to Burn Act in 1992, defining prescribed fire as, "the controlled application of fire to existing vegetative fuels under specific environmental conditions and following appropriate precautionary measures, which causes the fire to be confined to a pre-determined area and accomplishes one or more planned land management objectives or to mitigate catastrophic wildfires."

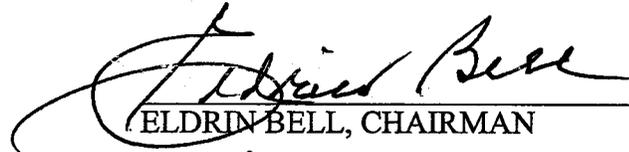
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED

Section 1. The Clayton County Board of Commissioners supports the Georgia Forestry Commission and Georgia Department of Natural Resources continued educational and technical assistance to landowners in an effort to recognize the benefits of the appropriate and continued use of prescribed fire in Georgia. Further the Board of Commissioners urges Air Quality Regulators to work closely with all state agencies and landowners in a fair and balanced approach to smoke management.

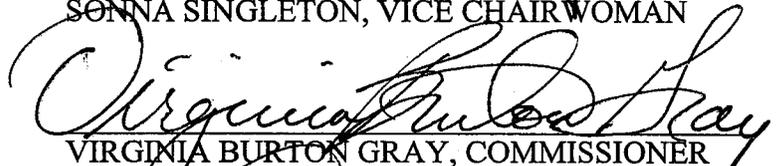
Section 2. This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

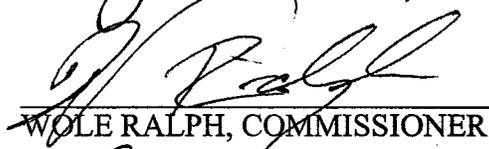
SO RESOLVED, this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

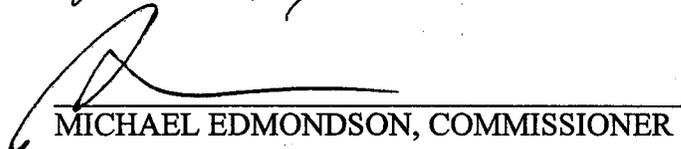
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