

FIRE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS subsection 21(1) of the *Forests Act*, RSNS 1989, c. 179 requires the Minister to undertake all measures which the Minister determines to be reasonable to provide for effective protection of the forests from various injurious agents, including fires;

AND WHEREAS subsection 24(1) of the *Forests Act* authorizes the Minister of the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables, whenever the Minister deems it necessary for the protection of woods to, by proclamation, prohibit the setting of fires for any purpose in the woods or within one thousand feet of woods in all counties in Nova Scotia during the period specified in the proclamation;

AND WHEREAS the *Forests Act* defines “woods” as forest land and rock barren, brush land, dry marsh, bog and muskeg and “forest land” as land bearing forest growth or land from which the forest has been removed but which shows surface evidence of past forest occupation and is not now in other use;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables now deems it necessary for the protection of woods to make such a proclamation;

NOW THEREFORE the Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables, under subsection 24(1) of the *Forests Act*, prohibits the setting of fires for any purposes in the woods or within one thousand feet of woods in all counties in Nova Scotia during a period to commence on May 16, 2024 and ending on October 15, 2024, unless:

- (a) domestic burning is permitted during the time period on a designated burn day or designated restricted burn day as prescribed under sections 5, 6 and 7 of the *Forest Fire Protection Regulations* and as determined by the colours on the Burn Safe Map: <https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe/>;
- (b) or this Proclamation is revoked by further notice.

ANY PERSON who contravenes this Proclamation by the setting of fires for any purposes in the woods or within feet of woods in all counties in Nova Scotia during the period set out above or by failing to comply with the restrictions and conditions on a designated burn day or designated restricted burn day is subject to prosecution under the *Forests Act*.

DATED at Halifax in the County of Halifax this __15__ day of May, 2024.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT
O F THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

HONOURABLE TORY RUSHTON
MINISTER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES AND RENEWABLES