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TO: Commissioners' Court
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RE: Court Consideration of HB 1150

Honorable Court,

This past legislative session HB 1150 created three new periods for fireworks to be sold to the public if authorized by commissioners court. The new periods are Texas Independence Day (between February 25 and midnight on March 2), San Jacinto Day (between April 16 and midnight April 21), and Memorial Day (between the Wednesday before the last Monday in May and midnight on the last Monday of May).

The Commissioner's Court must adopt the authorization order before May 13, 2016 for the Memorial Day sales period.

In contrast to the traditional Fourth of July and December fireworks sales during which sales are permitted absent a finding by the court that drought conditions exist, for the three new fireworks periods the commissioners court has discretion as to whether or not the sales will be allowed.

Statistical data was collected to ascertain the number of fires that may be directly attributed to fireworks and general complaints regarding the discharge of fireworks that occurred during the period of April 16 - midnight April 21. In the unincorporated areas of the county there was 1 fireworks complaint and 0 fires directly attributed to fireworks. In the eighteen jurisdictions that responded after the season there were 3 fireworks complaints and 0 fires directly attributed to fireworks.