## IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

## IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN

In the Matter of Declaring a State of ) Drought Emergency in Sherman County ) Resolution No. 05-04-2023

**IN THE MATTER** of declaring a state of drought emergency in Sherman County being before the Sherman County Court on this, the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023, and the Court being in regular session for the transaction of County business; and

WHEREAS, Sherman County, Oregon, is facing a D2 severe drought as indicated by the US Drought Monitor dated April 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the total precipitation for the area is currently below the 100 year average with dim prospects for rains in May, June and July; and

WHEREAS, the drought will impact Sherman County wheat and barley crops, rangeland pastures and creeks that are dry or going dry earlier than usual; and

WHEREAS, the drought increases fire danger and threatens the ability of household wells to produce water for domestic use.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the County Court hereby declares a state of drought emergency in Sherman County and requests Governor Kotek to declare a state of drought emergency for Sherman County and contact the United States Department of the Interior and the United States Department of Agriculture to issue a Drought Declaration for Sherman County.

APPROVED this 19th day of April, 2023.

**ATTEST:** 

Tammi Gaskey, Administrative Assistant

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Justin Miller, Commissioner