



# Stutsman County Auditor

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## STUTSMAN COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA DROUGHT EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, since early Spring 2017, Stutsman County has experienced very limited rainfall with some areas approaching six inches below average rainfall and worsening; and

WHEREAS, limited rainfall in some areas has severely stressed/damaged pasture land, crops, feed and water supplies for livestock to the point where recovery is no longer possible for the 2017 growing season; and

WHEREAS, the potential for rural fires due to dry vegetation and crops is a significant threat to the health, well-being and public safety of the citizens of Stutsman County; and

WHEREAS, severe adverse economic impacts on Stutsman County agribusiness and infrastructure has been a result of the dry conditions impacting the County; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the dry conditions constitutes an imminent threat of unrecoverable widespread severe losses, damages and hardship to the economy of Stutsman County far in excess of available County resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stutsman County Commission declares a drought emergency and orders the activation and utilization of the Combined Emergency Operations Plan for Stutsman County, its procedures, attachments and appendices to monitor the situation, develop a detailed damage assessment, alleviate hardship, and initiate appropriate relief actions and mitigation measures by departments and agencies of local government to limit the hardships and impact of this emergency upon the citizens of Stutsman County, North Dakota.

DATED at Jamestown, Stutsman County, North Dakota, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

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