

**EXECUTIVE ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS OF
GENERAL APPLICABILITY, AND STATEMENTS
ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR
PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(3)**

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EXECUTIVE ORDER 2006-08

Emergency Room Access Task Force

[M06-242]

WHEREAS, unprecedented population growth continues to strain Arizona's medical emergency system, despite significant hospital expansions; and

WHEREAS, Arizona has inadequate emergency room and inpatient capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Physician Workforce Study, published in 2005, reported that Arizona is facing a shortage of physicians, especially in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, Arizona is the second fastest growing state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, as Arizona's population grows, the demand for access to quality emergency services will increase proportionally; and

WHEREAS, a plan needs to be developed to ensure Arizona residents and visitors have appropriate access to quality emergency care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of the State, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. There is hereby established an Emergency Room Access Task Force (the "Task Force"). The Task Force shall receive staff assistance from the Arizona Department of Health Services, which, among other things, shall assist the Task Force in drafting the Task Force's final report referenced in paragraph three (3) below.
2. Members of the Task Force shall be appointed by, and serve without compensation at the pleasure of, the Governor. The Governor shall appoint eleven (11) initial members of the Task Force. Such members shall include one representative from both the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association and the Arizona Medical Association. To the extent practicable, the remaining members shall reflect the geographic and cultural diversity of the State. Additional members may be added at the discretion of the Governor.
3. The Task Force shall assess the status of Arizona's Emergency Room Physician supply, identify factors that may have lead to the current shortage, and make recommendations for actions the State can take to address the situation. On or before December 1, 2006, the Task Force shall submit to the Governor a report that details recommended actions and timelines for implementation to improve emergency department care for Arizona residents and visitors.
4. Members of the Governor's Task Force may, with the Governor's permission, send designees to serve on the Task Force; provided, however, that such designees must be delegated by the member with full authority to vote and otherwise act on behalf of the member.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

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DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 26th day of April in the Year Two Thousand and Six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
SECRETARY OF STATE

*** COVER THE UNINSURED WEEK ***

[M06-257]

WHEREAS, almost a million Arizonans do not have health care coverage and a third of Arizonans without health care coverage are children; and

WHEREAS, according to a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation study the uninsured are less healthy and die younger than those who have coverage; and

WHEREAS, the uninsured often delay needed health care causing needless suffering, increased work absenteeism, loss of productivity, and a reduced quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the price of health care coverage continues to rise causing fewer individuals and families to be able to afford to pay for health care benefits and fewer small businesses are able to provide employer sponsored coverage for their employees; and

WHEREAS, private health insurance coverage and government sponsored health care coverage programs are important to the health security and wellness of Arizonans, the economic vitality of Arizona's businesses, as well as the financial health of Arizona's health care industry which shoulders the emergency care burden and the financial consequences of uncompensated care of the uninsured; and

WHEREAS, it is important to Arizona to reduce the number of individuals and business without health care coverage so that all of our citizens have access to care – whether through the private or public sector coverage options; and

WHEREAS, public and private sector organizations and business alike recognize the urgency of reducing the number of Arizonans without health care coverage and the need for continued dialogue and public/private initiatives to provide private and government sponsored solutions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby declare May 1-7, 2006 as

*** COVER THE UNINSURED WEEK ***

and support discussions and programs to raise public awareness of the problem of the uninsured in Arizona.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-first day of September in the year Two Thousand and Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

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*** GILA COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK ***

[M06-258]

WHEREAS, Gila County was established the 8th of February 1881 and the citizens of Gila County are honoring this 125th Anniversary with celebrations throughout the week; and

WHEREAS, Gila County provides public safety, human services, opportunities for new businesses to prosper and protect our water quality. When natural or man-made disaster strikes, county emergency services keep children and their families safe and informed until order can be restored; and

WHEREAS, Gila County employees police our roads, keep families healthy, fight disease, repair bridges, plow snow, help troubled youths and young adults, provide veterans services and do countless other jobs; and

WHEREAS, Gila County provides services that make its communities stronger, safer places to live and raise families; and

WHEREAS, county officials and employees use their role as local leaders to encourage economic development and therefore improve the lives of their citizens and make their communities more livable; and

WHEREAS, Gila County has a long history of providing critical services. It is county government that is the citizen's local government voice and provides solutions that bring communities together;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, in recognition of the leadership, innovation and valuable service provided by our nation's counties and in conjunction with National County Government Week do hereby proclaim April 23-29 2006 as

*** GILA COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK ***

and urge all citizens to acquaint themselves with county government and to recognize the contributions that county officials and employees make every day to our health, safety, comfort and quality of life

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fifth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** STATE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION DAY ***

[M06-259]

WHEREAS, Arizona's state employees make a significant contribution to the well-being and quality of life for all citizens of our state; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's state employees preserve public safety and the health of our citizens, protect our clean air and water, care for less fortunate members of society, rehabilitate and counsel people in need, preserve our economic well-being by attracting and supporting commerce, build and maintain our highways, schools, and other infrastructure, administer justice, protect citizens' rights, care for victims of crimes, inspect our food, license our cars, help educate our children, make astounding advances in medicine, science and technology, and handle a host of other essential duties the public entrusts to them; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated individuals strive daily to perform their jobs with professionalism and integrity and to make

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government services more accessible and responsive to the needs of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to set aside a day during Public Employee Recognition Week to honor and recognize all state employees and to give the general public an opportunity to learn more about their state government and outstanding employees who serve them; and

WHEREAS, Arizona is privileged to join other states across the nation on May 3, 2006, to express special appreciation and gratitude to state employees for their hard work, sacrifices, and unselfish spirit of dedication to the citizens of our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2006 as

*** STATE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION DAY ***

in the State of Arizona, and call this observance to the attention of all citizens and encourage all Arizonans to commend the hard work and dedication of state employees across the Grand Canyon State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twentieth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** VIETNAM WAR REMEMBRANCE DAY ***

[M06-260]

WHEREAS, on August 7, 1964, the United States Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, giving President Lyndon B. Johnson the power to take whatever actions he deemed necessary to defend southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, United States military personnel of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard endured a long and difficult mission which officially began on August 5, 1964 and ended on May 7, 1975 and during that period of time, 2.5 million members of our Armed Forces participated in the Vietnam War sustaining a high degree of permanent injuries and loss of life, including 613 casualties from the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, America's involvement and support of South Vietnam in its fight for freedom from oppression by the Government of North Vietnam has been forever embedded in the grateful hearts and minds of the former citizens of South Vietnam and today, the citizens of the United States, along with families and friends, appreciate and remember those Americans and South Vietnamese who served, fought, were wounded, or died during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2006, Vietnam Veterans and the South Vietnamese community of this state will pay special acknowledgement of the 12th Annual Vietnam War Remembrance Day to commemorate the 31st Anniversary of the end of the war with speakers, presentations, displays and festivities; and honor all Vietnam veterans; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam Veterans are national heroes, and I call upon all Arizonans to remember their lives, their deeds, their courage and their continued commitment to America, just as we honor our soldiers who are still in harm's way; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's Vietnam Veterans along with Arizona's South Vietnamese community advocate the commemoration of the United States' involvement in Vietnam, reaffirm their dedication to duty, honor and courage as fellow Vietnam veterans and will demonstrate this bond by raising the flags of the United States and South Vietnam as a tribute to their brotherhood;

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2006 as

*** VIETNAM WAR REMEMBRANCE DAY ***

throughout the State of Arizona, and respectfully urge Arizona citizens, news media, educators, historians, students, business and industry, personnel of the military services and all veterans within Arizona to join together to recognize the Vietnam Veterans, honor those who gave their lives, and ensure a never-ending memory of the Vietnam War.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twentieth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** HEALTHY AMERICA WEEK ***

[M06-261]

WHEREAS, the National Governors Association's chairman's initiative *Healthy America* is designed to raise national awareness about the urgent need for all Americans to live healthier, more active lives; and

WHEREAS, governors across the nation have been working on a wide variety of health reform-related issues to encourage wellness; and

WHEREAS, more than a quarter of all American adults are physically inactive, and 65 percent are overweight; and

WHEREAS, physical activity can greatly reduce the risk of many chronic diseases and health conditions, including hypertension, diabetes, heart disease, stroke and some cancers; and

WHEREAS, overweight people at risk for developing diabetes can reduce that risk by 60 percent by becoming physically active for 30 minutes a day and losing a moderate amount of weight; and

WHEREAS, Healthy America Week is designed to be the start of a life-long commitment to making good decisions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 1-5, 2006 as

*** HEALTHY AMERICA WEEK ***

and encourage all citizens of Arizona to support and promote this observation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

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DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-fourth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State