

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 2008-20

To Spend Money from the Health Crisis Fund on Measles Outbreak Control

[M08-209]

WHEREAS, measles is one of the most contagious diseases with the potential for explosive spread; and

WHEREAS, measles is potentially lethal and can cause pneumonia, seizures and permanent brain damage; and

WHEREAS, several measles cases have been identified in Pima County; and

WHEREAS aggressive and timely outbreak control measures, such as isolation, quarantine, post exposure vaccination or immune globulin, contact tracing, suspect case follow-up, and special vaccination clinics, are expensive and resource intensive; and

WHEREAS, these aggressive public health measures require timely laboratory testing of measles specimens by the Arizona State Laboratory; and

WHEREAS, more than 2,000 potentially exposed individuals have required monitoring; and

WHEREAS, these circumstances are neither a contingency nor an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-192 because they require neither state-municipal resource coordination nor Department of Emergency and Military Affairs assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of the State, declare a significant potential for a health crisis in the State, and hereby order as follows:

1. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-797, the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) shall be transferred from the Health Crisis Fund to the Department of Health Services to provide resources to control the measles outbreak.
2. The Department of Health Services shall expend all moneys transferred pursuant to this Order on measures to control the measles outbreak in Arizona and shall report to the Legislature and the Governor by June 30, 2009 on the expenditure of all sums so transferred.

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 21st day of April in the year Two Thousand Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2008-21
Patient Safety and e-Prescribing Initiative

[M08-225]

WHEREAS, patients experience more than 1.5 million adverse drug events in the United States each year due to preventable errors in prescribing or administering medication; and

WHEREAS, the financial costs associated with these avoidable errors in the United States exceeds \$4 billion per year; and

WHEREAS, the Institute of Medicine, a Congressionally-chartered, but privately funded branch of the National Academy of Sciences, concludes that at least one out of four adverse drug events can be prevented by measures such as electronic prescribing (e-prescribing), clinical decision support tools, and patient documentation of their medications, nutritional supplements, and drug and food allergies; and

WHEREAS, the Institute of Medicine recommends that all prescribers and pharmacies utilize e-prescribing by the year 2010; and

WHEREAS, health care providers in Arizona utilize e-prescriptions at a rate of just 2.8% of possible prescriptions that could be transmitted by e-prescribing; and

WHEREAS, utilization of e-prescribing avoids mistakes that accompany hand-written prescriptions, creates opportunities for automated systems to warn of drug appropriateness and harmful drug interactions, can provide access to a patient's full medication history for both routine health care and emergency situations, and produces greater convenience for patients and providers by reducing the number of visits and calls to pharmacies; and

WHEREAS, to further patient safety, the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality encourages Americans to maintain personal health records that include their medication lists, allergies, and health history;

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

1. The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, Government Information Technology Agency, Arizona Department of Administration, and other agencies, as appropriate, shall work with Arizona Health-e Connection and its EAzRx initiative to significantly increase the utilization of e-prescribing in Arizona. Specifically, Arizona's collaborative effort shall strive to improve patient safety and control costs by making Arizona a national leader in e-prescribing practices.
2. The Executive branch agencies shall work with Arizona Health-e Connection and the health professional licensing boards to educate prescribing clinicians, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, hospital and long-term care facility professionals, other health care professionals and employers about the benefits of preventing adverse drug events through e-prescribing, and adopting information technology software that facilitates e-prescribing.
3. The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, the Arizona Department of Health Services, and the Arizona Department of Administration shall implement measures to reduce medication errors for individuals enrolled in their health systems and to control costs related to such errors through increased e-prescribing use by contracted health plans and providers.
4. The Government Information Technology Agency shall identify special challenges that may hinder adoption of e-prescribing in rural Arizona communities, and shall develop recommendations to address such challenges.
5. The Executive branch agencies shall work with Arizona Health-e Connection to develop strategies to promote patient awareness and use of consumer tools related to medication safety including the Med Form available at www.themedform.com or another personal health record, and shall encourage Arizona consumers to routinely maintain a list of all drugs and medications being consumed, including prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, and other products, such as vitamins and minerals, and to review this list with their health care providers.

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

Janet Napolitano

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G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 1 day of May in the year Two Thousand Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** EVERYDAY HEROES DAY ***

[M08-205]

WHEREAS, Cox Communications and the Arizona Interscholastic Association are partnering to recognize outstanding students, teachers, coaches, officials and administrators through the Everyday Heroes Program; and

WHEREAS, Everyday Heroes Program is used to promote trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Cox Communications and the Arizona Interscholastic Association have a history of contributing to youth-oriented programs; and

WHEREAS the Everyday Heroes Program will be used to provide character education for interscholastic and youth organizations with an emphasis on sportsmanship and healthy lifestyle choices both on and off the field;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2008 as

*** EVERYDAY HEROES DAY ***

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 eleventh day of April in the year Two Thousand and Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** ARIZONA NURSES DAY ***

[M08-206]

WHEREAS, Arizona nursing profession is highly committed to providing the highest quality of evidence-based healthcare to improve patient outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Arizona nurses throughout Arizona demonstrate excellence in clinical practice, teaching, research, administration, health promotion, and patient advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the nursing colleges in Arizona are dedicated to graduating the highest caliber of nurses to ensure optimal health for the people of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona hereby recognizes the individual and combined excellence of registered nurses practicing in the State; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona is fortunate to have the expertise of dedicated, well-educated and highly skilled nurses;

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2008 as

*** ARIZONA NURSES DAY ***

urges all citizens to recognize the valuable contributions of nurses to improving the health of Arizonians.

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 sixteenth day of April in the year Two Thousand Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** ARIZONA SAFE BOATING WEEK ***

[M08-207]

WHEREAS, on average, 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S., nearly 70% of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and

WHEREAS, boating knowledge and skills are important in reducing human error, improving judgment, and reducing accidents. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron pledge to continue training Arizona Boaters in safe boating practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 17-23, 2008 as

*** ARIZONA SAFE BOATING WEEK ***

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 sixteenth day of April in the year Two Thousand Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY ***

[M08-208]

WHEREAS, the combined efforts of the Department of Economic Security, Child Care Administration; Department of Health Services, Office of Child Care Licensure, Department of Education, Student Services and Food and Nutrition pro-

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gram, and other government and community-based organizations statewide and nationwide are recognizing Child Care Providers on this day; and

WHEREAS, annually 8,629 Child Care Providers are working with the Department of Economic Security to serve 83,955 children from low income families so family members may accept or maintain employment thus reducing or avoiding dependence on cash assistance; and

WHEREAS, May 9, 2008 offers an opportunity for parents with young children show their child care providers their appreciation; and

WHEREAS, by calling attention to the importance of high quality child care services for all children and families within our community and state, we hope to improve the quality and availability of such services; and

WHEREAS, our future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today and high quality early child care services represent a worthy commitment to our children's future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 9, 2008 as

*** CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY ***

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 sixteenth day of April in the year Two Thousand Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** ARIZONA CHARTER SCHOOLS WEEK ***

[M08-213]

WHEREAS, more than 94,000 students attend public charter schools in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, by providing quality education to students, public charter schools contribute to the statewide effort to improve education in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, public charter schools encourage community and parental involvement in the education of our youth; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona joins the Arizona Department of Education and the Arizona Charter School Association in celebrating the accomplishments and contributions of public charter schools to public education;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 4-10, 2008 as

*** ARIZONA CHARTER SCHOOLS WEEK ***

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 April in the year Two Thousand Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America

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the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** WELCOME OUR TROOPS HOME DAY ***

[M08-220]

WHEREAS, America's finest young men and women are serving in harms way on our behalf in places thousands of miles from our shores, leaving behind families who depend on them; and

WHEREAS, thousands of men and women from Arizona have been called upon to defend America and our valued freedom by serving our country; and

WHEREAS, our world has changed over time and our armed forces have changed with it, but the valor, dignity, and courage of the men and women in uniform remain the same – the fighting spirit of the American soldier permeates the history of our nation; and

WHEREAS, we support our troops, honor their service and realize the hardships their families experience;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, in respect and recognition of these courageous men and women, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2008

*** WELCOME OUR TROOPS HOME DAY ***

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 April in the year Two Thousand Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** CHILDSPLAY APPRECIATION DAY ***

[M08-219]

WHEREAS, Childsplay is Arizona's award-winning, non-profit, professional theater company for young audiences; and

WHEREAS, Childsplay has served over 3 million children and families through arts and education programs since 1977 and helps more than 10,000 students each year develop confidence and creative self-expression through Childsplay Academy; and

WHEREAS, Childsplay provides the highest quality performing arts to all of Arizona's young people by presenting a diverse and engaging choice of plays and educational programs; and

WHEREAS, Childsplay maintains affordable prices so that young people of all economic backgrounds can benefit from a professional theatrical experience and arts learning opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Childsplay has been invited to perform and tour across America and has won accolades, awards and recognition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2008 as

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*** CHILDSPLAY APPRECIATION DAY ***

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-third day of April in the year Two Thousand Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** SILVER STAR DAY ***

[M08-221]

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona has always honored the sacrifice of the men and women in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, The Silver Star Families of America was formed to make sure we remember the sacrifice of our wounded by designing and manufacturing a Silver Star Banner and Flag; and

WHEREAS, to date The Silver Star Families of America has freely given thousands of Silver Star Banners to the wounded and their families; and

WHEREAS, the members of The Silver Star Families of America have worked tirelessly to provide the wounded of this State and Country with Silver Star Banners, Flags and care packages; and

WHEREAS, The Silver Star Families of America's sole mission is that every time someone sees a Silver Star Banner in a window or a Silver Star Flag flying, that people remember the blood sacrificed for this State and Nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008 as

*** SILVER STAR DAY ***

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-third day of April in the year Two Thousand Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA COLLEGE OF NURSING DAY ***

[M08-222]

WHEREAS, The University of Arizona College of Nursing has provided excellence in education, research, service, and innovation to the people of Arizona and the nation for the past five decades; and

WHEREAS, the University of Arizona College of Nursing has created community partnerships to support nursing education in its 14 - Month Accelerated BSN Partnership Program for College Graduates; and

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WHEREAS, the University of Arizona College of Nursing, over the last five years, has successfully doubled the number of BSN students that graduate from its programs; and

WHEREAS, the graduates of the College's BSN programs lead the state in passing their RN licensure examinations on their first pass; and

WHEREAS, the University of Arizona College of Nursing offered the first PhD in Nursing program west of the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, the University of Arizona College of Nursing was the first in the State of Arizona to offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree; and

WHEREAS, the health care needs of residents throughout rural Arizona are served by graduates of the College's nurse practitioner programs; and

WHEREAS, nurses throughout the State can now earn their graduate degrees through the College's innovative, technologically enhanced delivery model;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 8, 2008 as

*** UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA COLLEGE OF NURSING DAY ***

and urge all of our citizens to recognize the 50 years of excellent education, research, service and innovation that the UA College of Nursing has provided to ensure the highest quality of nursing care and a healthy economic future for the 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 twenty-third day of April in the year Two Thousand Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State