

## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

### *\*2021 Border Crisis\**

**WHEREAS**, soon after January 20, 2021, as a result of a new Presidential administration's anticipated policy changes regarding immigration, foreign nationals began entering the United States at substantially higher rates through both legal and illegal means; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona shares approximately 372 miles of its southern border with a foreign nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Cochise, Pima, Santa Cruz, and Yuma Counties are directly located along the southern border; and

**WHEREAS**, counties across the State are directly impacted by entries into Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, foreign nationals, who have not entered the United States through a legal Port of Entry, have historically accessed and greatly impacted, in addition to the border counties, the Counties of Maricopa and Pinal, in addition to crossing through and impacting various tribal lands within the designated counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the threat of uncontrolled movement by unknown foreign nationals whose health and history are unknown, during the COVID-19 pandemic, increases the overall risk to the State and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, shelter capacity during the COVID-19 pandemic has been significantly reduced due to social distancing requirements, while the need for additional capacity has increased due to the increased stress placed by foreign nationals; and

**WHEREAS**, as the world is combatting COVID-19, it is unknown whether the foreign nationals entering the United States through Arizona's border have been exposed to the highly contagious virus and no resources have been made available by the federal government to mitigate the risk of exposure posed by these individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, the influx of foreign nationals includes unaccompanied minors, of which a significant number are below the age of 13 years, creating an even larger burden upon local communities and the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the recent influx of foreign nationals has overwhelmed private, local, and State capacities; and



**WHEREAS**, federal agencies have adopted a “catch and release” policy as it relates to the detainment of these foreign nationals; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of this policy represents a sudden, unexpected, and unforeseen condition or occurrence; and

**WHEREAS**, there is reasonable cause to believe the influx of foreign nationals across Arizona’s southern border has and will continue to cause financial hardships to local and State agencies and endanger the health and lives of citizens and law enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, it is known that human trafficking and illegal narcotics activities occur during border crossings and increase dramatically with large numbers of foreign nationals crossing the border; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government has failed to prevent, mitigate or take significant action to stop or reduce this influx such that its failure has created conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within our state, which are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of any single county, city or town, and which require the combined efforts of the state and the political subdivision; and

**WHEREAS**, A.R.S. § 26-303(D) authorizes a declaration of emergency in accordance with A.R.S. § 26-301(15) when such conditions exist; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 2017-06 establishes the Arizona Emergency Response and Recovery Plan to assist in responding to emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate to take action to protect the lives and safety of the residents of Arizona and to protect private and public properties.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, including but not limited to, A.R.S. 26-303, hereby declare and order as follows:

- a. A State of Emergency exists in Cochise, Maricopa, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz and Yuma Counties, effective April 20, 2021, and continuing.
- b. Authorize the Adjutant General to mobilize and activate all or such part of the Arizona National Guard as is determined necessary to assist in the protection of life and property throughout the State.
- c. Direct that the sum of \$200,000 from the state General Fund be made available to the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to be expended in accordance with A.R.S. § 35-192, A.A.C. R8-2-301 to 321, and Executive Order 79-4.
- d. Reimbursement from the state General Fund is restricted to costs incurred by Arizona National Guard assets augmenting and supporting the Arizona Department of Public



Safety and local law enforcement for violation(s) of the laws of the State of Arizona and is not available to any other State, county, or local jurisdiction.

- e. Direct that the State of Arizona Emergency Response and Recovery Plan be used to direct and control state and other assets and authorize the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to coordinate state assets.



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

**GOVERNOR**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twentieth day of April in the Year Two Thousand Twenty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the Year Two Hundred and Forty-Fifth.

**ATTEST:**

**Secretary of State**



**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

*\*Mescal Fire\**

**WHEREAS**, on June 02, 2021, a wildfire, subsequently named the Mescal Fire, started within Gila County; and

**WHEREAS**, the fire has burned more than 66,000 acres and continues to burn with 23% containment; and

**WHEREAS**, the remote and rugged location of the fire continues to cause challenges to supporting firefighting operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor is authorized to declare an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26.303(D).

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby determine that this situation justifies a declaration of a State of Emergency, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D), and I do hereby:

1. Declare that a State of Emergency exists in Gila County, due to fire damage, effective June 02, 2021 and continuing; and
2. Direct that the sum of up to \$200,000 from the general fund be made available to the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to be expended in accordance with A.R.S. § 35-192, A.A.C. R8-2-301 to 321, and Executive Order 79-4; and
3. Direct that the State of Arizona Emergency Response and Recovery Plan be used to direct and control state and other assets and authorize the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to coordinate state assets.

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



**GOVERNOR**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this ninth day of June in the Year Two Thousand Twenty-one and of the independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Fifth.

**ATTEST:**



**Secretary of State**





**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

***\*Telegraph Fire\****

**WHEREAS**, on June 4, 2021, a wildfire, subsequently named the Telegraph Fire, started within Gila and Pinal Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the fire has burned more than 71,000 acres and continues to burn; and

**WHEREAS**, the fire is a fast moving and dynamic fire burning in mostly shrub and grass; and

**WHEREAS**, firefighters are protecting values in Top of the World, Superior, Claypool, Miami, and Globe; and

**WHEREAS**, the fire has warranted numerous evacuation status alerts; and

**WHEREAS**, the fire has resulted in a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) declaration on June 6, 2021, and a Southwest Area Type 1 Incident Management Team has assumed responsibility for the fire; and

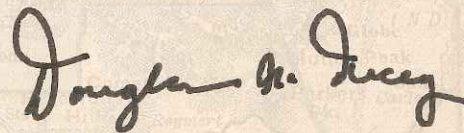
**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross has set up shelters at High Desert Middle School in Globe and at Skyline High School in Mesa; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor is authorized to declare an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D).

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby determine that this situation justifies a declaration of a State of Emergency, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D), and I do hereby:

1. Declare that a State of Emergency exists in Gila and Pinal Counties, due to fire, effective June 4, 2021 and continuing; and
2. Direct that the sum of up to \$200,000 from the general fund be made available to the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to be expended in accordance with A.R.S. § 35-192, A.A.C. R8-2-301 to 321, and Executive Order 79-4; and
3. Direct that the State of Arizona Emergency Response and Recovery Plan be used to direct and control state and other assets and authorize the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to coordinate state assets.

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



**GOVERNOR**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this ninth day of June in the Year Two Thousand Twenty-one and of the independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Fifth.

**ATTEST:**



**Secretary of State**





**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**  
*July 2021 Coconino Flooding*

**WHEREAS**, in July of 2019, a wildfire designated as the Museum Fire burned acreage near Elden Mountain in the eastern portion of the City of Flagstaff, resulting in significant burn scars in the area; and

**WHEREAS**, starting on July 13, 2021, rainfall fell onto the Museum Fire burn; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 14, 2021, the National Weather Service reported that approximately 1 inch of rain fell, on already-saturated ground, in approximately one hour in the burn scar area; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 14, 2021, the National Weather Service reported that between 2.17 inches and 2.72 inches of rain fell, on already-saturated ground, in approximately one hour in the area south of Elden Mountain; and

**WHEREAS**, flood water and debris flows have impacted roads resulting in closures; and

**WHEREAS**, additional flash flooding is expected in Mt. Elden Estates, Paradise, Grandview, and Sunnyside neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, severe post-fire flood impacts to local communities have occurred due to this rainfall event, including, but not limited to, damages to private property, and roadway and drainage system damages; and

**WHEREAS**, additional precipitation is being forecast by the National Weather Service to continue for several days over the Museum Fire burn scar area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Flagstaff and Coconino County have activated their Joint Emergency Operations Center and have an Incident Management Team actively planning, responding, and coordinating resources and support for this ongoing event; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor is authorized to declare an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. §26.303(D).

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby determine that this situation justifies a declaration of a State of Emergency, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D), and I do hereby:

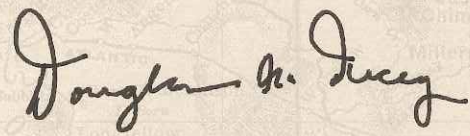
- a. Declare that a State of Emergency exists in Coconino County, due to flood damage, effective July 14, 2021, and continuing; and
- b. Direct that the sum of \$200,000.00 from the general fund be made available to the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to be expended in



accordance with A.R.S. § 35-192, A.A.C. R8-2-301 to 321, and Executive Order 79-4; and

- c. Direct that the State of Arizona Emergency Response and Recovery Plan be used to direct and control state and other assets and authorize the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to coordinate state assets.

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



**GOVERNOR**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this sixteenth day of July in the Year Two Thousand Twenty-one and of the independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Sixth.

**ATTEST:**



**Secretary of State**

