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WHEREAS, the Department of Health Services budget, which includes the Laboratory, requires additional funds to accommodate the increased costs associated with the unanticipated demands on the Laboratory; and

WHEREAS, a fully functioning and responsive Laboratory is vital to the health and safety of the residents of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, during the 1997 First Regular Special Session of the Forty-third Legislature, the Health Crisis fund was established, authorizing the Governor to expend funds in order to respond to an existing health crisis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Dee Hull, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby declare a health crisis or a significant potential for health crisis in the State and hereby,

1. Allocate \$350,000 from the Health Crisis Fund as established pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-797 to the Department of Health Services, for the operation of the State Laboratory, including costs related to hiring additional staff, overtime pay, supplies, equipment, public information and interagency communications.
2. Direct the Department of Health Services to report the expenditures of these funds to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Tobacco Tax and Health Care Fund pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-797.
3. Any monies in the account that are unspent within eighteen months of the date of this executive order shall be returned to the state to be deposited in the Medically Needy Account of the Tobacco Tax and Health Care Fund account established pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-774.

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

Jane Dee Hull
Governor

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this Twenty Ninth day of October Two Thousand One and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty-Fifth.

ATTEST:

Betsey Bayless
Secretary of State

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2001-18

**TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO CONTINUE HEALTH SERVICES
PROVIDED BY THE BORDER HEALTH FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS, social, cultural, political, legal, ecological, historical and economic factors along with the United States-Mexico border region create unique challenges for dealing with myriad health problems; and

WHEREAS, the Border Health Foundation (BHF) was established in 1984 to address health issues, with specific programs in diabetes, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, water-borne diseases and tobacco use; and

WHEREAS, the BHF's health-related programs have provided services over 5000 individuals and families in three Arizona Field Offices; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the BHF has relied mainly on Federal grants for funding; and

WHEREAS, for Fiscal Year 2002 some of those grants have not been renewed and the grants that the BHF has obtained will not be available until January, 2002, leaving a short-term funding shortfall; and

WHEREAS, the BHF does not have sufficient reserves to sustain its programs from October through December 2001 and will have to stop the delivery of medical services; and

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WHEREAS, failure to provide these health services will increase the potential for passing on numerous ailments to other at-risk populations and increase the numbers of persons requiring emergency medical services, at significant cost to hospitals and the state; and

WHEREAS, during the 1997 First Regular Session of the Forty-third Legislature, the Health Care Crisis Fund was established, authorizing the Governor to expend funds in order to respond to an existing health crisis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Dee Hull, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby declare a health crisis or a significant potential for health crisis in the State and hereby,

1. Allocate, on a one-time basis, \$80,000, from the Health Care Crisis Fund as established pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-797 to the Department of Health Services, to be distributed as bridge funding, for continuation of the health services provided through the Border Health Foundation.
2. Direct the Department of Health Services to report the expenditures of these funds made by the Border Health Foundation to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on the Tobacco Tax and Health Care Fund pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-797.

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

Jane Dee Hull
Governor

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this Thirtieth day of October Two Thousand One and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty-Fifth.

ATTEST:

Betsey Bayless
Secretary of State