

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2003-15

REQUIRING COORDINATION AMONG VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES TO FIGHT HUNGER

WHEREAS, Arizona has a strong commitment to ending hunger in the state; and

WHEREAS, Arizona affirms that hunger anywhere in Arizona is a threat to our well-being everywhere in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Arizona recognizes that adequate nutrition creates a population that is productive and able to achieve its potential; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Legislative Committee on Hunger and the Arizona Hunger Advisory Council continue to document the magnitude of the state's hunger problem; and

WHEREAS, the coordinated efforts of various state agencies are essential to addressing the issues of hunger;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby direct the following state agencies to work with each other and with the community in order to achieve a coordinated approach to addressing hunger in Arizona: Departments of Administration, Agriculture, Corrections, Education, Economic Security and Health Services. Specific activities of the state agencies shall include but not be limited to:

1. Department of Administration—working with food and nutrition programs/agencies eligible to receive property under the federal donation program regarding equipment and other needs that may be met from state surplus property;
2. Department of Agriculture—promoting the donations of excess product by growers and partnering with statewide gleaning efforts;
3. Department of Corrections—continuing the practice of providing inmates for gleaning and other services at no cost to the food bank network;
4. Departments of Economic Security, Education, and Health Services—providing leadership through coordination and support to address the issues of hunger.

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

GOVERNOR

Done at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 15th
Day of May in the Year of Our Lord Two
Thousand Three and of the independence of the
United States of America the Two Hundred and
Twenty-Seveny.

ATTEST:

Secretary of State