

Executive Order 2004-09

TO SPEND MONEY FROM THE HEALTH CRISIS FUND ON PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF THE WEST NILE VIRUS

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-797, the Legislature has established the Health Crisis Fund empowering the Governor to authorize specific liabilities and expenditures in order to respond to a health crisis or a significant potential for a health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the West Nile Virus is a potentially lethal mosquito-borne disease that has caused fatalities and illness in a number of eastern and Midwestern states; and

WHEREAS, the West Nile Virus is moving westward across the country, with the first cases in Arizona being reported last year; and

WHEREAS, consistent with its pattern in other states, where occurrences of infections with the virus have peaked in the second year, the West Nile Virus is anticipated to strike Arizona with greater frequency and intensity in the summer of 2004; and

WHEREAS, the spread of the West Nile Virus can be reduced by the use of larvicide and by increased awareness of how the disease is spread,

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 this State and hereby order as follows:

1. The Health Crisis Fund, as established pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-797, is authorized to transfer the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) to the Department of Health Services for use in combating the West Nile Virus.
2. The Department of Health Services shall expend all moneys transferred pursuant to this Order on measures to eradicate or reduce the spread of the West Nile Virus in Arizona and shall report to the Legislature and the Governor by December 31, 2004 on the expenditure of all sums so transferred.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have unto 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 ____ day of April in the Year Two Thousand Four and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty-Eighth.

Secretary of State