

**Executive Order 2005-17**

**To Spend Money from the Health Crisis Fund  
On the Prevention of Pertussis**

**WHEREAS**, pertussis (whooping cough) is a potentially lethal disease that is causing serious illnesses and fatalities in Arizona infants this year; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona Department of Health Services has recently declared a statewide pertussis outbreak, which has never been previously declared in Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been more than 545 cases of pertussis in Arizona thus far in 2005, with above average numbers of pertussis cases reported in thirteen of Arizona's fifteen counties; and

**WHEREAS**, pertussis is being spread in part by adolescents and adults whose vaccine-induced immunity has waned; and

**WHEREAS**, the foregoing circumstances constitute a significant potential for a health crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 3, 2005 the United States Food and Drug Administration licensed Boostrix, a new vaccine for immunizing adolescents against pertussis, providing a powerful new intervention to help slow the spread of the disease to infants, who are the most likely to die from it; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 20, 2005 Executive Order 2005-12 authorized the Department of Health Services to spend \$500,000 from the Health Crisis Fund, and this money was used to purchase and distribute 10,000 doses of Boostrix to county health departments for administration to adolescents; and

**WHEREAS**, On June 10, 2005, the United States Food and Drug Administration licensed another new pertussis vaccine (ADACEL) for immunizing persons 11-64 years old against pertussis; and

**WHEREAS**, the need for immunizing adolescents and adults against pertussis is continuing; 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 two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) shall be transferred from the Health Crisis Fund to the Department of Health Services for use in responding to the current pertussis outbreak.
2. The Department of Health Services shall expend all moneys transferred pursuant to this Order on measures to reduce the spread and threat to public health posed by pertussis in Arizona and shall report to the Legislature and the Governor by December 31, 2005 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of July in the Year Two Thousand and Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE