

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
*HORSESHOE TWO FIRE & MONUMENT FIRE EMERGENCY***

WHEREAS, two wildfires are blazing in Cochise County, the first fire, the "Horseshoe Two Fire," broke out in the Chiricahua Mountains on May 8, 2011 and a second blaze, the "Monument Fire," began in the Coronado National Memorial/Coronado National Forest on June 12, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the fires combined have currently consumed over 200,000 acres and 65 structures, 40 of which are residential homes; and

WHEREAS, the fires continue burning uncontrolled at this time and are currently threatening additional homes, businesses and public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, federal, state and local fire suppression resources have responded and are currently working to suppress the fires; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona State Forestry Division received Fire Management Assistance Grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency on May 9, 2011 for the Horseshoe Two Fire and on June 12, 2011 for Monument Fire. These federal grants will support the reimbursement of costs associated with the fire suppression directed by the Incident Management Teams and emergency protective measures and response efforts conducted by county and state agencies; and

WHEREAS, funding allocated by this declaration is to support costs not covered by the Fire Management Assistance Grants and/or for necessary post-fire recovery support; and

WHEREAS, this declaration also provides the Arizona Department of Health Services with the authority to issue temporary waivers to affected Cochise County medical facilities for matters including facility operating hours and staffing ratios; and

WHEREAS, all event costs associated with the suppression and emergency responses to date are supported by the Fire Management Assistance Grants; and

WHEREAS, all state agencies will provide resources to support this event upon request of the Arizona State Forestry Division, impacted counties and/or the Arizona Division of Emergency Management; and

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

WHEREAS, the Legislature has authorized the expenditure of funds in an event of an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-192;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice Brewer, 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 the Horseshoe Two and Monument Fires 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 Cochise Counties due to the Horseshoe Two and Monument Fires, effective June 12, 2011 and continuing; and
- b. Direct that the sum of \$100,000 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
- 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; and
- d. Authorize the Adjutant General to mobilize and call to 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.



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

Janice K. Brewer
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this seventeenth day of June in the Year Two Thousand Eleven and of the independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Fifth.

ATTEST:

Ken Blumett
Secretary of State