

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**  
**2023 Record Excessive Heat Risk**

**WHEREAS**, during the period of June 30, 2023, through July 30, 2023, the National Weather Service issued Excessive Heat Warnings in Coconino, Maricopa, and Pinal Counties, setting a record of 30 consecutive days where the heat risk required an Excessive Heat Warning; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments, and community and charitable organizations established and operated mass care and sheltering centers throughout these counties; and

**WHEREAS**, across Coconino, Maricopa, and Pinal Counties, there have been 33 confirmed heat-related deaths during this time period, with additional deaths under investigation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor is authorized to declare an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. §26-303(D).

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, Katie Hobbs, 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 this situation justifies a declaration of a State of Emergency, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D) and A.R.S. § 26-301(15), and I do hereby:

- a. Declare that a State of Emergency, limited to emergency protective measures during the period of June 30, 2023, through July 30, 2023, exists in Coconino, Maricopa, and Pinal Counties due to heat-related exposure; and
- b. Direct that the sum of \$200,000.00 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.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto 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 eleventh day of August in the Year Two Thousand Twenty-Three and of the independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Seventh.

**ATTEST:**

  
**Secretary of State**

