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STATE OF ARIZONA

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Executive Order 2020-10

Delaying Elective Surgeries to Conserve Personal Protective Equipment Necessary to Test and Treat Patients with COVID-19

WHEREAS, both the state of Arizona and the federal government have declared a public health emergency to address the 2019 novel Coronavirus (COVID-19); AND

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a national emergency due to both the health and economic implications of the COVID-19 virus; AND

WHEREAS, the disease caused by COVID-19 is contagious and can be fatal, resulting in the World Health Organization declaring it a global pandemic; AND

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona has experienced community spread of COVID-19 in multiple counties as it continues to spread across the country and the state, posing an increasing threat to public health and having a devastating impact on the economy; AND

WHEREAS, personal protective equipment (PPE), including N-95 masks, surgical masks, surgical gloves, and protective gowns are necessary for the protection of healthcare professionals who provide testing and treatment for patients with COVID-19; AND

WHEREAS, because high demand for PPE worldwide has created a temporary shortage and made it necessary to conserve as much PPE as possible for the protection of healthcare providers testing for and treating COVID-19; AND

WHEREAS, patients with the most critical cases of COVID-19 have been shown to require hospitalization and high level medical intervention, including the use of a ventilator; AND

WHEREAS, elective medical and dental surgeries that use scarce resources during this pandemic can be delayed without undue risk to the current or future health of a patient; AND

WHEREAS, delaying of non-essential, elective medical and dental surgery will conserve hospital beds, PPE and other equipment such as ventilators needed to treat COVID-19 patients; AND

WHEREAS, conserving healthcare resources is essential to protecting our public health system and ensuring the safety and protection of our healthcare workforce; AND

