

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA  
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Executive Order 2020-26

Remote Online Notarization

**WHEREAS**, both the State of Arizona and the Federal government have declared a public health emergency to address the 2019 coronavirus (COVID-19); 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 all counties and continues to spread across the country and state, posing an increasing threat to public health; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the spread of COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued guidance encouraging people to telecommute and recommending that people adopt social distancing practices by maintaining a distance of at least six feet from each other; and

**WHEREAS**, even with this guidance, essential business operations need to continue to limit the impact that COVID-19 is having on the economy and ensuring citizens can continue to get essential needs met such which often require notarized documents; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, the Arizona State Legislature passed SB1030, *Remote Online Notarization*, implementing statute: A.R.S. §§ 41-371 through 41-380, allowing for signers and notaries to meet using the internet and audio-video technology to verify identity; and

**WHEREAS**, A.R.S. §§ 41-371 through 41-380, had broad bipartisan support and will take effect July 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, due to current circumstances, immediate implementation of A.R.S. §§ 41-371 through 41-380, would benefit individuals and multiple sectors of the economy including, but not limited to, bankers, real estate agents, legal companies and healthcare professionals.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state, hereby order as follows:

1. Effective Friday, April 10, 2020, Remote Online Notarization may be used for notarial acts as valid witness to execution of documents, provided that procedures outlined in



