

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
**** Arizona Wildfire Suppression Emergency ****

WHEREAS, the Department of Forestry and Fire Management has authority to prevent and suppress any wildfires on state and private lands; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona is susceptible to wildfires that threaten lives, property, and public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Arizona is experiencing an unusually active fire season, with high temperatures, winds and available fuels contributing to fire response needs; and

WHEREAS, several large fires in April, May and June have occurred located primarily on lands under the Department of Forestry and Fire Management's fire response responsibility; and

WHEREAS, beginning on April 23, 2017 local, State and Federal resources have been deployed statewide for fire suppression activities, leading to a depletion of budgeted financial resources for fire suppression; and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2017 the State Emergency Council authorized the Department of Forestry and Fire Management to incur liabilities in excess of the cash balance of the fire suppression revolving fund; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Forestry and Fire Management may request the governor to declare a wildfire emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-192; and

WHEREAS, if liabilities are authorized under both A.R.S. §§ 35-192 and 37-1305, the authorization under A.R.S. § 37-1305 must be exhausted before any liabilities may be incurred under A.R.S. § 35-192; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Forestry and Fire Management has exhausted the authorization under A.R.S. § 37-1305; 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, Douglas A. Ducey, 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 Arizona's current wildfire suppression needs justify 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 Statewide due to the wildfire season, effective April 23, 2017, and concluding, due to fiscal requirements, at the end of the State fiscal year on June 30, 2017; and
- b. Direct that the sum of \$200,000 from the general fund be made available to the Department of Forestry and Fire Management, through 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. Request that the State Emergency Council provide the Department of Forestry and Fire Management additional monies for fire suppression activities.
- d. 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 outside of those listed above.

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 twenty-third day of June in the Year Two Thousand Seventeen and of the independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

ATTEST:



Secretary of State

