

TERMINATION OF EMERGENCY
COVID-19

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, a declaration of emergency was issued to address the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Emergency and Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 36-787 directs that the Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services was to coordinate all matters pertaining to the public health crisis and the State's response; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Emergency directed that the Arizona Department of Health Services was to determine when the emergency would be eligible for termination; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Health Services established that the key metric to determine current outbreak status was COVID-Like Illness in Arizona emergency department and inpatient wards and a 2% COVID-Like Illness level would indicate a return to baseline levels and the end of the current outbreak period; and

WHEREAS, COVID-Like Illness reached 1.9% as of March 14, 2022, falling below the baseline level established by the Arizona Department of Health Services and indicating the end of the current outbreak period; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 cases have fallen 99% to 2,054 COVID-19 cases reported the week of March 20, 2022, compared to the outbreak peak of 151,312 cases reported the week of January 9, 2022; and

WHEREAS, hospitalizations associated with COVID-19 have fallen to 5% of inpatient beds and 7% ICU beds during the week of March 20, 2022, compared to a peak of 57% of inpatient beds and 63% of ICU beds in January 2021; and

WHEREAS, over 70% of Arizonans have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and 60% of all Arizonans are fully vaccinated against COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 tests, vaccines, and therapeutics are available throughout Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Arizona public health and health care systems have identified and implemented precautions and interventions to mitigate the continued spread of COVID-19; and

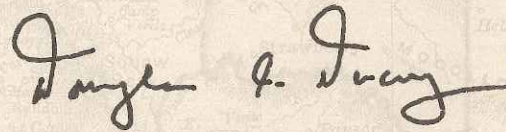
WHEREAS, due to the combined efforts of the State, its political subdivisions, its healthcare and public health workers, its first responders, its frontline and essential workers, its businesses,

and most importantly its citizens, the COVID-19 outbreak is no longer beyond Arizona's control;
and

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(F), the Governor is authorized to proclaim the termination of a state of emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State and after consultation with the Arizona Department of Health Services and the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, do hereby terminate the COVID-19 emergency response operational period established by me on March 11, 2020.

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



GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this thirtieth day of March in the Year Two Thousand and Twenty Two and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Sixth.

ATTEST:



Secretary of State

