

## **Executive Order 2005-18**

### **To Loan Money from the Health Crisis Fund to Address Water Shortages in Cochise County**

**WHEREAS**, a variety of water production and supply problems have arisen in certain areas of Cochise county due to inadequate water production capacity and the June 13, 2005 explosion of a hydropneumatic water tank; and

**WHEREAS**, the water companies serving these areas are currently in bankruptcy and lack the capital necessary to install the wells needed to improve water production capacity and replace the hydropneumatic tank; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the foregoing, hundreds of Cochise County residents have endured repeated and prolonged water outages this summer and many residents who rely exclusively on evaporative water cooling systems have been unable to cool their houses; and

**WHEREAS**, these water outages during a time of extreme summer heat pose a significant threat to the health and safety of Cochise County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the foregoing circumstances constitute a significant potential for a health crisis in Cochise County; and

**WHEREAS**, these circumstances are not at this time the type of emergencies, contingencies or disasters contemplated by A.R.S. § 35-192;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of the State, declare a significant potential for a health crisis in the State, and hereby order as follows:

1. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-797, the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500.00) shall be transferred from the Health Crisis Fund to the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of the State of Arizona to provide loans for use in alleviating the health crisis posed by the water supply problems in Cochise County.
2. The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona shall make such loans contingent upon the recipients executing a Promissory Note setting forth terms consistent with this Executive Order and deemed necessary and proper by the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority. The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority shall report to the Legislature and Governor by December 31, 2005 on the disposition of all funds transferred pursuant to this Executive Order.

3. The recipients of any sums loaned pursuant to this Executive Order shall repay all such sums to the medically needy account of tobacco tax and health care fund pursuant to the terms of the Promissory Note described above.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Arizona.

  
**GOVERNOR**



Done at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July in the Year Two Thousand and Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

**ATTEST:**

  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**