GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Executive Order 2020-50

Protecting the Public's Right to Vote

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona is committed to combating COVID-19, and has taken proactive actions to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 to public health; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 26-303 and 36-787, a declaration of Public Health State of Emergency was issued due to the necessity to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, elections are the cornerstone of our Nation's and State's democracy; and

WHEREAS, it is important to ensure that each citizen has sufficient access to voting locations and the ability to exercise their right to vote safely; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) have issued guidance to assist with mitigating the spread of COVID-19 while allowing persons to still conduct daily activities and necessary functions, such as voting; and

WHEREAS, county election officials are in need of assistance during the primary and general elections to ensure there are adequate voting locations of sufficient size to allow for physical distancing and ensure safe hygiene practices and that those locations are adequately staffed; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(E)(2), the governor may direct all agencies of the state government to utilize and employ state personnel, equipment and facilities for the performance of any and all activities designed to prevent or alleviate actual and threatened damage due to the emergency and the governor may direct such agencies to provide supplemental services and equipment to political subdivisions to restore any services in order to provide for the health and safety of the citizens of the affected area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-307(A), when designated by the governor, state agencies may make, amend and rescind orders, rules and regulations necessary for emergency functions; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona can provide its State-owned facilities, when appropriate, to the county boards of supervisors and county recorders for the purpose of establishing polling places or voting centers (collectively, "voting locations"), to increase the availability of voting locations that meet social distancing requirements; and

WHEREAS, to ensure there are an adequate number of trained poll workers serving at voting locations throughout Arizona, the State is able to provide flexibility to its workforce to staff those locations; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that voting locations are equipped with proper equipment and personal protective equipment necessary to ensure safe hygiene practices for voters and poll workers; and

WHEREAS, without action from the State, there is a risk that voting locations could experience long lines and concerns over safety.

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, including but not limited to A.RS. § 26-303, do hereby order:

1. The Arizona Department of Administration shall identify and make available State-owned facilities, as appropriate, to the counties that can be utilized as voting locations for the August and November 2020 elections.

2. The Arizona Administrative Code State Personnel System Rules R2-5A-A601 *Leave Administration* and R2-5A-B606 *Civic Duty Leave* shall be temporarily expanded to include civic duty leave for the purpose of serving at a voting location during the 2020 primary and general elections. Employees of the State of Arizona who choose to serve at voting locations during the 2020 primary and general elections may use Civic Duty Leave while serving at a voting location following written approval from their supervisor.

3. The Arizona Department of Administration shall assist the counties in providing voting locations with proper equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE) necessary to allow safe hygiene practices when voting at a voting location.

4. This order shall expire after November 4, 2020.

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

Douglas A. Ducey

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-second day of July in the year Two Thousand and Twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Fifth.

ATTEST:

Secretary of State