

Janet Napolitano  
Governor

# Office of the Governor

**\* VALLEY FEVER AWARENESS WEEK \***

**WHEREAS**, 60% of all reported Valley Fever in the US occur in Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, Valley Fever is the fourth most commonly reported infectious disease in Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, Valley Fever infections have tripled in Arizona over the last decade; and

**WHEREAS**, enhanced surveillance of Valley Fever cases demonstrates a serious impact of Valley Fever on the health of our citizens and on Arizona's healthcare system; and

**WHEREAS**, through educational campaigns, the Arizona Department of Health Services, governmental entities, corporations, and organizations are united to inform the public and healthcare providers about Valley Fever in Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, by teaching the public and healthcare providers about Valley Fever, the seriousness of the disease may be reduced, and early diagnosis promoted; and

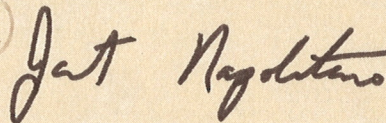
**WHEREAS**, Arizona is the focal point of quality clinical care and research for Valley Fever;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 10-16, 2008 as

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in recognition of the outstanding treatment and research conducted by the Valley Fever Center for Excellence at the VA Medical Center and the University of Arizona and of the advances in Valley Fever education and public health by the Arizona Department of Health Services.

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




Janet Napolitano

**GOVERNOR**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this seventeenth day of October in the year Two Thousand and Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-third.

**ATTEST:**



Janice K. Brewer

**Secretary of State**

