

Janice K. Brewer  
Governor

# Office of the Governor

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

**WHEREAS**, Valley Fever infections have tripled in Arizona over the last decade, with 60 percent of all reported cases of Valley Fever in the U.S. occurring in Arizona; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Arizona Department of Health Services, government agencies, businesses, and community organizations are united to educate the public and healthcare providers about Valley Fever in Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, research released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the announcement of a Congressional Task Force brought national attention to Valley Fever; and

**WHEREAS**, through public education and promoting early diagnosis, the number of individuals impacted by Valley Fever may be reduced; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 9 -17, 2013 as

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in recognition of the outstanding treatment and research conducted by the Valley Fever Center for Excellence at the University of Arizona, its new clinical center at St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix, and for 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



*Janice K. Brewer*  
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twelfth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-eighth.

ATTEST:

*Ken Blumett*

Secretary of State