Janice K. Brewer Governor

Office of the Governor

* VALLEY FEVER AWARENESS WEEK *

WHEREAS, 60 percent of all reported Valley Fever cases in the United States occur in Arizona;

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

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

WHEREAS, enhanced surveillance of Valley Fever cases can have a serious impact 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, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 9-15, 2009 as

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

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DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this thirtieth day of October in the year Two Thousand and Nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-fourth.

ATTEST:

Secretary of State