

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Gila County Flooding

WHEREAS, starting on September 25, 2025, heavy rains severely impacted Gila County and its communities; and

WHEREAS, heavy rains and cumulative runoff from the surrounding mountains resulted in flash flooding, cresting well above normal and manageable flows in numerous waterways, and topping roadways throughout Gila County. Impacts were most severe within the City of Globe, the Town of Miami, and the community of Claypool; and

WHEREAS, citizens were trapped on the roofs of homes and numerous vehicles were swept into the washes necessitating the mobilization of Search and Rescue teams; and

WHEREAS, local emergency services performed several swift water rescues within abnormally swollen waterways and roadways; and

WHEREAS, the flooding has isolated large parts of those communities; and

WHEREAS, evacuation orders were issued for the communities of Globe, Miami, Claypool, and the San Carlos Apache Tribe; and

WHEREAS, evacuation centers have been opened and are receiving disaster survivors; and

WHEREAS, flood waters carried propane tanks onto roadways and into waterways necessitating Hazardous Materials Response teams; and

WHEREAS, flood water and debris flows obstructed roads resulting in temporary road closures, increased the risk to life and safety, and delayed response times and activities by emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the flooding has resulted in loss of life and damage to the public infrastructure, businesses, and private property; and

WHEREAS, the Gila County Board of Supervisors declared on September 27, 2025, that a state of emergency exists in Gila County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona has activated the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact and requested resources; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona has activated interstate mutual aid with the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized to declare an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. §26-303(D).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby determine that this situation justifies a declaration of a State of Emergency, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D), and I do hereby:

- a. Declare that a State of Emergency exists in Gila County, due to severe thunderstorms and flooding as recited above, effective September 25, 2025, and continuing; and
- b. Direct that the sum of \$200,000.00 from the general fund be made available to the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to be expended in accordance with A.R.S. § 35-192, A.A.C. R8-2-301 to 319, and Executive Order 79-4; and

- c. Direct that the State of Arizona Emergency Response and Recovery Plan be used to direct and control state and other assets and authorize the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to coordinate state assets; and
- d. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-172, authorize the Adjutant General to mobilize and call to activate, consistent with applicable laws, such part of the Arizona National Guard as is determined necessary to assist in the protection of life and property in Gila County and its communities.

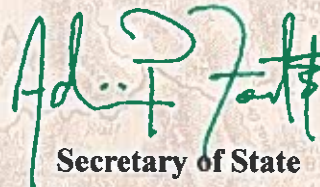
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.



GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 27th day of September in the Year Two Thousand Twenty-Five and of the independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fiftieth.

ATTEST:



Secretary of State

