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AzHHA Statement of Support for Good Samaritan Order to Protect Frontline Healthcare Workers Responding to the COVID-19 Outbreak

PHOENIX — Arizona Governor Doug Ducey today announced his latest Executive Order providing support for our front-line hospital and healthcare workers in Arizona. The Governor’s office states the order provides protections to health care professionals treating patients during the COVID-19 health emergency, while also protecting patients against negligence or reckless misconduct.

"We are grateful to Governor Ducey for his efforts to protect our selfless healthcare heroes as they prepare to provide care to those in need," said AzHHA President and CEO Ann-Marie Alameddin. “As we respond to this new virus and new way of going about our daily lives, hospitals remain steady in their commitment to providing optimal care during the emergency. We applaud the Governor for acknowledging this important commitment.”

Today’s Executive Order recognizes the need to provide protections to healthcare providers, emergency medical technicians and emergency workers who act in good faith in emergency situations. “Many health professionals are concerned that in providing care for patients with COVID-19, for which there are no defined treatments and for which across the globe there has been a shortage of hospital beds and equipment for treating such patients, they are subjecting themselves to liability.”

Read the full order here: https://azgovernor.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/the_good_samaritan_order.pdf

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AzHHA is the association giving Arizona hospitals a voice to collectively build better healthcare and health for Arizonans. As the champion for healthcare leadership in Arizona, AzHHA and its member hospitals explore ideas and take collaborative action at the state capitol, in hospitals and at home to attain the best healthcare outcomes for Arizonans. Through Better Care, Better Health, and Lower Costs, we will make Arizona the Healthiest State in the Nation. Visit https://www.azhha.org for more information.