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Dear State Employee:

We continue to see the haunting news reports on the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina. The people in the Southeastern United States are suffering and they will continue to be in our hearts and minds. Americans from all over are pulling together to help those who found themselves in Katrina's path, and Arizonans are no different.

We have received numerous requests from state employees about resources to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina. State agencies are responding to the call for resources and personnel. Here are just a few examples:

- The Arizona National Guard is mobilizing and will deploy Sunday morning.
- The Department of Environmental Quality is assisting in addressing hazardous environmental conditions caused by Katrina.
- The Department of Public Safety has offered helicopters and other critical equipment to law enforcement in the Southeast.
- Public health teams from the Department of Health Services are ready to be dispatched as soon as they are called.
- The Arizona Division of Emergency Management is tracking and coordinating assistance needed among state agencies, and will continue working with emergency managers on the Gulf Coast to provide help in the many months to come.

As individuals, we can help by contributing cash to reputable relief agencies, such as the Red Cross by logging online at [www.arizonaredcross.org](http://www.arizonaredcross.org), or by calling 1-800-HELP-NOW. You will also find links to the Red Cross and other nonprofit relief organizations at [www.azgovernor.gov](http://www.azgovernor.gov) and [www.az211.gov](http://www.az211.gov).

My heart goes out to those of you with family or loved ones on the Gulf Coast, and I am hopeful they are safe. If you need assistance locating these individuals, the Red Cross' welfare number is 602.366.6660. For those employees who need help dealing with this tragedy, the employee assistance office at the Department of Administration will be open and ready to provide you with counseling and other services. Please do not hesitate to call upon them at 602.542.4200.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet Napolitano".

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