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Statement from Governor Jan Brewer on Project H3: Home, Health, Hope

"I want to thank each of the 163 community volunteers who dedicated their time, energy and commitment to the critical issue of chronic homelessness in Arizona.

"Homelessness is an issue that needs and deserves your passion. Thanks to you, Arizona can be proud of the services we provide to the homeless.

"I share your passion, and I am proud of the role I played by establishing the Human Services Campus, which has been nationally showcased as an innovative model for delivering service in an integrated manner.

"We have done much, but much work remains. Despite Arizona's best efforts, too many people sleep in our streets, our washes and our deserts, night after night.

"Homelessness is a tough problem, especially at a time when government must do much more with significantly less. Nevertheless, there are solutions to be found. By using our available housing and support services, we can address chronic homelessness in Arizona.

"Project H3: Home, Health, Hope is an excellent model. It identifies permanent solutions, not band-aid fixes.

"Despite significant revenue reductions, more than 50 organizations will be housing the most vulnerable people experiencing homelessness and supporting them <u>with existing resources</u>. We have to look for different ways to address the unique and complex issues faced by this population. This may require changing the way we do business. I am inspired by both the innovation and efficiency which will result from this forward thinking.

"I am proud to lead this state, because of people like you, who are not willing to let another suffer when solutions are within our reach.

"Congratulations on taking this beyond a vision. I look forward to learning of your future progress."