



**PROCLAMATION**  
**International Mother Language Day**  
**February 21, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1999, in its resolution proclaimed February 21 as International Mother Language Day throughout the world to commemorate the martyrs who sacrificed their lives on that day in 1952; and

**WHEREAS**, UNESCO in its resolution further said "languages are the most powerful instruments of preserving and developing our tangible and intangible heritage. All moves to promote the dissemination of mother tongues will serve not only to encourage linguistic diversity and multilingual education but also to develop fuller awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions throughout the world and to inspire solidarity based on understanding, tolerance and dialogue"; and

**WHEREAS**, February 21 is being celebrated every year as the "International Mother Language Day" all over the world by people of different origins and languages; and

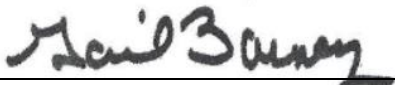
**WHEREAS**, International Mother Language Day is observed on February 21, 2020 in Arizona to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism; and

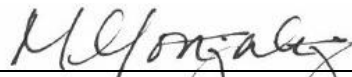
**WHEREAS**, multi-cultural diversity is one of the strengths of our community.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Queen Creek proclaims February 21, 2020 as

**International Mother Language Day**

**WITNESS MY HAND** this 19th day of February 2020.

  
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Gail Barney, Mayor

  
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ATTEST: Maria E. Gonzalez, Town Clerk