



PROCLAMATION
Lupus Awareness Month
May 2020

WHEREAS, More than five million people worldwide suffer from the devastating effects of lupus, and each year another 100,000 men, women and children will be diagnosed with this disease; and

WHEREAS, lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease that causes inflammation of various parts of the body particularly the skin, heart, joints and kidneys; and

WHEREAS, lupus research shows that 1.5 million Americans have been diagnosed with lupus, which strikes women about nine times more frequently than it does men; and

WHEREAS, according to research, lupus is most prevalent among African American women, followed by other women of color, including Hispanics, Asians, and Native-Americans; and

WHEREAS, while lupus is not infectious, rare or cancerous, it affects more people than cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, sickle cell anemia, and cystic fibrosis; and

WHEREAS, although lupus ranges from mild to life threatening and thousands of Americans who have lupus die each year, the majority of cases can be managed with proper treatment; and

WHEREAS, Lupus impacts more than just the life of the patient; it affects the patient's family, friends, coworkers, employers and community; and

WHEREAS, The Lupus Foundation of America, Arizona's mission is to improve the quality of life for all people affected by lupus through programs of research, education, support and advocacy; and

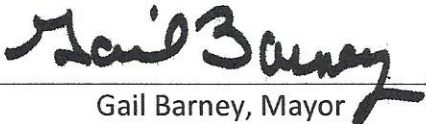
WHEREAS, The Lupus Foundation of America, Arizona encourages Arizona residents to join lupus warriors, friends, family members, caregivers and more and Go Purple to End Lupus for Lupus Awareness Month ; and

WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and proper treatment are critical to the improvements of the quality of life and survival rate of lupus sufferers, and increased public awareness, education and research are the key to winning the battle against lupus.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Gail Barney, Mayor of the Town of Queen Creek, do hereby proclaim May 2020 as

Lupus Awareness Month

WITNESS MY HAND this 20th day of May 2020.



Gail Barney, Mayor



ATTEST: Maria E. Gonzalez, Town Clerk