



PROCLAMATION
National Travel & Tourism Week
May 3 – 9, 2020

WHEREAS, travel has a positive effect on the Town of Queen Creek and its economic prosperity and image, it also impacts business productivity and the nation's economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, a robust travel industry has provided significant economic benefits for the nation, generating more than \$2.6 trillion in economic output last year, with \$1.1 trillion spent directly by travelers in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, travel has been the foundation of a healthy workforce, serving as one of the largest private-sector employers in the U.S., supporting 15.8 million jobs in 2019, including 9 million directly in the travel industry and 6.8 million in other industries; and

WHEREAS, spending by travelers has aided state and local governments alike, generating \$180 billion in tax revenue last year to support essential services and programs; and

WHEREAS, leisure travel, which accounts for more than eighty-three percent of all (domestic) trips taken to Arizona, and seventy-five percent of all trips taken in the U.S. which spurs countless benefits to travelers' health and wellness, creativity, cultural awareness, education, happiness, productivity and relationships; and

WHEREAS, travel and tourism-dependent businesses, 83% of which are small businesses, depend on our community's support through and after this crisis; and

WHEREAS, Queen Creek's unique agritainment industry, an important draw for travel and tourism, generates more than \$10 million annually from visitor spending, which equates to over \$230,000 in sales tax for the Town each year; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of travel will be a necessary and prominent component of our return to everyday life and must be supported and protected at all costs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Gail Barney, Mayor of the Town of Queen Creek, do hereby proclaim May 3 – 9, 2020 as

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WITNESS MY HAND this 6th day of May 2020.



Gail Barney, Mayor



ATTEST: Maria E. Gonzalez, Town Clerk