

PROCLAMATION Dust Awareness Week June 1 – 7, 2020

WHEREAS, the Clean Air Act requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish minimum standards for air quality and assigns primary responsibility to the states to assure compliance; and

WHEREAS, fugitive dust from unstable or disturbed dirt surfaces (such as construction areas, vacant lots, dirt roads and dirt tracked out onto paved surfaces) are the largest man-made contributors to the County's non-attainment of the PM10 standard; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Queen Creek has taken an active and ongoing role in the reduction of particulate matter and has specifically addressed this issue with the passage of several Dust Control Resolutions; and

WHEREAS, controlling the particulate matter that gets into our air takes more than a government agency and more than a scientific plan; it takes the people of Maricopa and Pinal counties to make the air cleaner.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Gail Barney, Mayor of the Town of Queen Creek, do hereby proclaim June 1-7, 2020 as

Dust Awareness Week

And urge all citizens to join the Town of Queen Creek in its commitment to healthier, cleaner skies and to take such practical measures as:

- 1. Don't burn leaves, trash or other materials.
- 2. Avoid using gas-powered leaf blowers and other garden equipment. Look for electric alternatives.
- 3. Maintain your landscape. Cover loose dirt with vegetation or gravel.
- 4. Find approved places you can ride your Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV/ATV) in Arizona.
- 5. Drive slowly on unpaved roads and don't drive or park in the dirt.

Support laws, rules and efforts to make our air healthier.

WITNESS MY HAND this 3rd day of June 2020.

Gail Barney, Mayor

ATTEST: Maria E. Gonzalez, Town Clerk