



TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK | OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, Human trafficking is a form of slavery that can affect anyone, particularly victimizing vulnerable populations, and occurs when a person is recruited, harbored, transported, or obtained for the purpose of commercial sex, forced labor, involuntary servitude, debt bondage, or slavery through force, fraud, coercion, or if the victim has not reached the age of eighteen; and

WHEREAS, Human trafficking denies freedom to 24.9 million people in the United States and around the world, disproportionately affecting women and girls who account for or 28.7 million, or 71% of modern slavery victims; and

WHEREAS, The International Labor Organization estimates that human trafficking is a \$150 billion industry generating \$99 billion from forced sexual exploitation worldwide; and

WHEREAS, The National Human Trafficking Hotline reported 234 cases in Arizona during 2019, of which 150 were for sex trafficking; and

WHEREAS, The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children reported increases of 98.66% in online enticement reports and 63.31% in Cyber Tipline reports between January and September 2020 versus the same period in 2019, while the 2020 Youth Experiences Survey found that almost half of young adult participants experienced some form of human trafficking; and

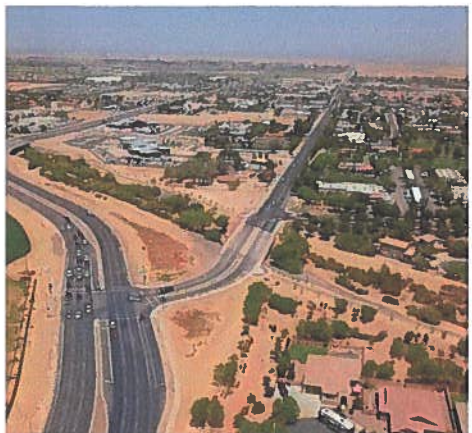
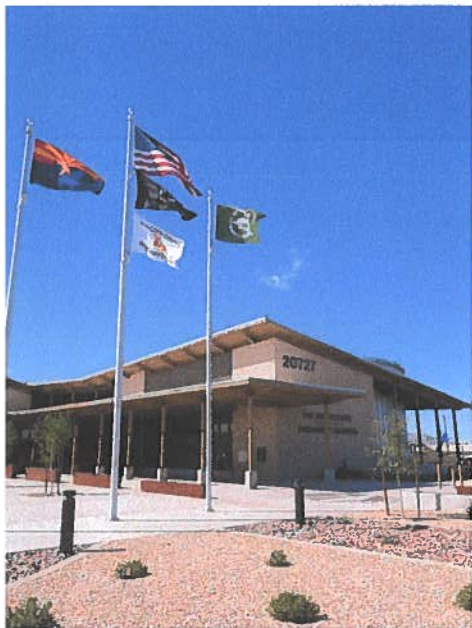
WHEREAS, Arizona policymakers work diligently to combat human trafficking by adopting preventative laws, and the Governor's Arizona Human Trafficking Council has made significant strides in public awareness, victim services, data collection, and training to protect Arizona against these crimes, ensuring that Arizona is a zero-tolerance state for human exploitation and is committed to protecting victims' rights and restoring their freedom and dignity; and

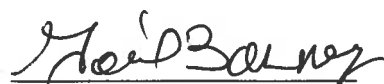
WHEREAS, The Town of Queen Creek acknowledges the seriousness of this issue as we build and develop our new Police Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Gail Barney, Mayor of the Town of Queen Creek, do hereby proclaim January 2021 as

Human Trafficking Prevention Month

WITNESS MY HAND this 20th day of January 2021.




Gail Barney, Mayor


Maria Gonzalez,
Town Clerk