



# TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK | OFFICE OF THE MAYOR PROCLAMATION



**WHEREAS** human trafficking is a form of slavery that can affect anyone and particularly victimizes vulnerable populations and negatively impacts our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking 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, or 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; and

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

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

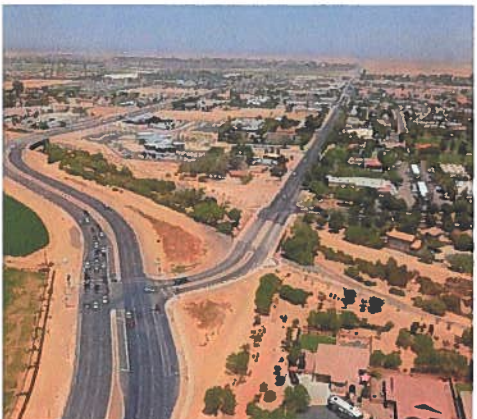
**WHEREAS**, Arizona policymakers have worked diligently to combat human trafficking through the adoption of laws prohibiting and preventing human trafficking; and

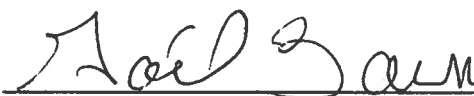
**WHEREAS**, Arizona is committed to ensuring it is a zero-tolerance state for any form of human exploitation and is committed to protecting victims' rights and restoring their freedom and dignity.

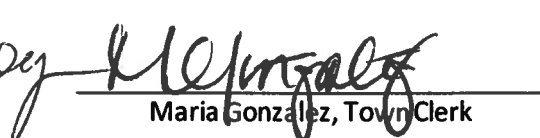
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Gail Barney, Mayor of the Town of Queen Creek, do hereby proclaim January as

## Human Trafficking Prevention Month

**WITNESS MY HAND** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.



  
Gail Barney, Mayor

  
Maria Gonzalez, Town Clerk