



# TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK | OFFICE OF THE MAYOR PROCLAMATION



**WHEREAS**, Black History month is an annual opportunity to recognize the central role of African Americans in the history of our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, During Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions of African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, social, and political development; and

**WHEREAS**, The national commemoration of black history in the United States dates back to 1926, and was initially observed the second week in February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass; and

**WHEREAS**, By the late 1960s, the week had evolved into Black History Month, thanks in part to the Civil Rights movement and a growing awareness of the experiences of African Americans in our country; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. famously said, “I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character;” and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month was officially established in 1976 by President Gerald R. Ford, who called on the public to, “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history,” and has since been recognized by every U.S. President; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Queen Creek honors the significant contributions and advances made by African Americans in our community, state, across our nation, and throughout the world, in such areas as education, medicine, art, culture, public service, economic development, politics, and human rights; and

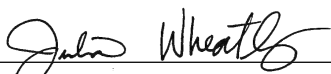
**WHEREAS**, We see the greatness of America in those who have risen above injustice and enriched our society.

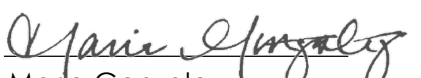
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Julia Wheatley, Mayor of the Town of Queen Creek, do hereby proclaim February 2023 as

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

And urge all Queen Creek residents to join in celebrating the contributions of African Americans to our community, state, and nation.

**WITNESS MY HAND** this 1<sup>st</sup> Day of February, 2023.

  
Julia Wheatley,  
Mayor

  
Maria Gonzalez,  
Town Clerk

