

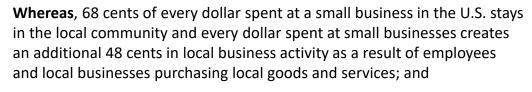
## TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK | OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## **PROCLAMATION**



**Whereas**, Queen Creek celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and

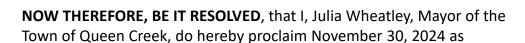
Whereas, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are 34.7 million small businesses in the United States, small businesses represent 99.7% of firms with paid employees, small businesses are responsible for 61.1% of net new jobs created since 1995, and small businesses employ 45.9% of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and



Whereas, 59% of U.S. consumers aware of Small Business Saturday shopped or ate at a small, independently owned retailer or restaurant on Small Business Saturday 2023; and

Whereas, the Town of Queen Creek supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy, and preserve our communities; and

**Whereas**, advocacy groups, as well as public and private organizations, across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.



## **Small Business Saturday**

And encourage the residents of our community to support our small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and Shop the QC throughout the year.

WITNESS MY HAND this 6th day of November, 2024.





Julia Wheatley,

Mayor

Maria Gonzalez,