



TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK | OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS Epilepsy Awareness Month is a nationwide effort to raise awareness about the epilepsies, seizures, and side effects, as well as to improve the lives of people affected by epilepsy through education, advocacy, research, and connection; and

WHEREAS epilepsy is a brain disorder characterized by recurrent and unprovoked seizures that can affect anyone, at any age, at any time; and

WHEREAS epilepsy is a spectrum disease comprised of many diagnoses and experiences and includes a wide range of seizure types, comorbidities, control, severity, and outcomes varying from person to person; and

WHEREAS epilepsy is the fourth most common neurological disorder. Nearly 3.4 million people in the U.S. including 77,000 Arizonans live with active epilepsy; and

WHEREAS people with epilepsy need access to affordable, comprehensive, physician-directed, person-centered healthcare, and delays in accessing effective treatments increase the likelihood of breakthrough seizures and related complications; and

WHEREAS epilepsy and/or seizures impose an annual economic healthcare burden of \$54 billion; and

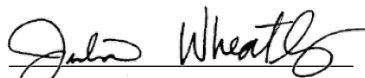
WHEREAS 456,000 children live with epilepsy in the U.S. and students with epilepsy aged 6 – 17 years old have missed 11 or more days of school the past year on average and 336,000 kids have at least one seizure annually; and

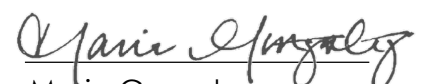
WHEREAS we must increase public knowledge about the epilepsies and seizure first aid to change the way people think about the epilepsies and seizures, decrease stigma and improve outcomes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Julia Wheatley, Mayor of the Town of Queen Creek, do hereby proclaim November 2024

Epilepsy Awareness Month

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


Julia Wheatley,
Mayor


Maria Gonzalez,
Town Clerk

