



PROCLAMATION
Talk to Your Teen about Underage Drinking Day
April 21, 2016

WHEREAS, the Town of Queen Creek recognizes the importance of parents talking with their teens about alcohol in order to reduce the risks and dangers posed to teens and communities; and

WHEREAS, high school students who use alcohol or other substances are five times more likely to drop out of school or believe good grades are not important; and,

WHEREAS, 27 percent of middle school students try alcohol before graduating from 8th grade, significantly increasing the risk that they will develop alcohol problems later in life; and

WHEREAS, teen alcohol use kills 4,700 people each year, more than all other illegal drugs combined; and

WHEREAS, the majority of kids say their parents are their primary influence when it comes to decisions about drinking alcohol; and,

WHEREAS, April 21st is recognized around the United States as a day to encourage parents and caregivers to embrace their important role in influencing America's youth and their decisions about drinking alcohol.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Gail Barney, Mayor of the Town of Queen Creek, do hereby proclaim April 21, 2016, as Talk to Your Teen about Underage Drinking Day, and encourage residents to join in local and national efforts to raise awareness of the importance of parents and teens talking together about alcohol to reduce the risks and dangers posed to teens and communities.

WITNESS MY HAND this 20th day of April, 2016

Mayor Gail Barney

Attest: Jennifer F. Robinson, Town Clerk