



**PROCLAMATION**  
**Travel and Tourism Week**  
**May 1 – May 7, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, travel has a positive effect on the State of Arizona and the state's economic prosperity and image abroad, it also impacts business productivity and travelers' well-being; and,

**WHEREAS**, travel to and within Arizona provides significant economic benefits for the state, generating \$20.9 billion in direct visitor spending by travelers; and,

**WHEREAS**, travel is among the largest private-sector employers in Arizona, supporting 171,500 jobs in 2014, and supporting nearly 300,000 other industry-related businesses; and,

**WHEREAS**, travelers' spending directly generated tax revenues of \$2.8 billion for federal, state and local governments, funds used to support essential services and programs; and,

**WHEREAS**, leisure travel, which accounts for more than three-quarters of all trips taken to Arizona, which spurs countless benefits to travelers' health and wellness, creativity, cultural awareness, education, happiness, productivity and relationships; and,

**WHEREAS**, travel is a pillar of economic growth, creating jobs at a faster rate than other sectors; and,

**WHEREAS**, Queen Creek's unique agritainment industry, an important draw for travel and tourism, generates more than \$10 million annually from visitor spending, which equates to over \$230,000 in sales tax for the Town each year.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Gail Barney, Mayor of the Town of Queen Creek, do hereby proclaim May 1- May 7, 2016, as Travel and Tourism Week, and urge the citizens of Queen Creek to join me in this special observance with appropriate events and commemorations.

**WITNESS MY HAND** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016

  
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Mayor Gail Barney

  
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Attest: Jennifer F. Robinson, Town Clerk