



PROCLAMATION
Dust Awareness Week
June 1 – June 7, 2016

WHEREAS, the Clean Air Act requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish minimum standards for air quality and assigns primary responsibility to the states to assure compliance; and,

WHEREAS, fugitive dust from unstable or disturbed dirt surfaces (such as construction areas, vacant lots, dirt roads and dirt tracked out onto paved surfaces) are the largest man-made contributors to the County's non-attainment of the PM10 standard; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Queen Creek has taken an active and ongoing role in the reduction of particulate matter and has specifically addressed this issue with the passage of several Dust Control Resolutions; and,

WHEREAS, controlling the particulate matter that gets into our air takes more than a government agency and more than a scientific plan; it takes the people of Maricopa County to make the air cleaner.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Gail Barney, Mayor of the Town of Queen Creek, do hereby proclaim June 1-7, 2016 as

"Dust Awareness Week"

and urge all citizens to join the Town of Queen Creek in its commitment to healthier, cleaner skies and to take such practical measures as:

1. Drive less, particularly on pollution advisory days. Reduce the number of trips you take in your car.
2. Drive slowly on unpaved roads and don't drive or park in the dirt.
3. Don't use leaf blowers and other equipment that raise a lot of dust and avoid using gas-powered lawn and garden equipment.
4. Maintain your landscape. Cover loose dirt with vegetation or gravel.
5. Reduce fireplace and woodstove use and don't use your wood-burning fireplace or stove on no-burn days. Consider using gas instead of wood.

6. Don't burn leaves, trash or other materials.
7. Report serious offenders to the Maricopa County Air Quality Department on the Town's website.
8. Support laws, rules and efforts to make our air healthier.

WITNESS MY HAND this 1st day of June, 2016.


Mayor Gail Barney


Attest: Jennifer F. Robinson, Town Clerk