

## PROCLAMATION

*Red Ribbon Week  
October 23-31, 2016*

*WHEREAS, alcohol and drug abuse in this nation have reached epidemic stages; and*

*WHEREAS, it is imperative that visible, unified prevention education efforts by community members be launched to eliminate the demand for drugs; and*

*WHEREAS, the East Valley Young Marines, the local unit of the United States Young Marines, is a youth education and service program for boys and girls that focuses on promoting the mental, moral and physical development of its members, including character building, leadership and encouraging a healthy, drug-free lifestyle; and*

*WHEREAS, the Young Marines is the official youth program of the United States Marine Corps and is the focal point for the U.S. Marine Corps' youth drug demand reduction efforts and is open to youth, ages eight through high school completion who are in good standing in their school; and*

*WHEREAS, the National Red Ribbon Campaign and the East Valley Young Marine program offers citizens the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to drug-free lifestyles (no use of illegal drugs, no illegal use of legal drugs); and*

*WHEREAS, the National Red Ribbon Campaign will be celebrated in communities across America during Red Ribbon Week, October 23-31; and*

*WHEREAS, business, government, parents, law enforcement, media, medical institutions, religious institutions, schools, senior citizens, service organizations, and youth will demonstrate their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during this week-long campaign; and*

*WHEREAS, October 23-31 has been designated National Red Ribbon Week, which encourages Americans to wear a Red Ribbon to show their support for a drug free environment.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gail Barney, Mayor of the Town of Queen Creek, do hereby proclaim October 23 through 31, 2016 as Red Ribbon Week in the Town of Queen Creek and encourage citizens to participate in drug prevention education activities, not only during Red Ribbon Week, but all year long, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug-free Queen Creek.*

*WITNESS MY HAND, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.*

*Gail Barney*  
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Mayor

Attest: *Jennifer Robinson*  
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Town Clerk