



PROCLAMATION
Volunteer Service Recognition Day
April 4, 2017

WHEREAS, volunteer service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet challenges; and

WHEREAS, the nation's local leaders are increasingly turning to service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet community needs; and,

WHEREAS, volunteer service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve; and

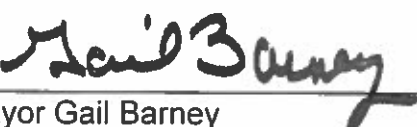
WHEREAS, volunteers bolster the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, volunteers increase the impact of the organizations they serve both through their direct service and by recruiting and managing additional volunteers; and,

WHEREAS, volunteer service represents a partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars. In 2016, volunteers contributed nearly 77,000 hours of service, with an estimated value of value of \$1.75 million.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Gail Barney, Mayor of the Town of Queen Creek, do hereby join the Corporation for National and Community Service, the National League of Cities, National Association of Counties, Cities of Service, and mayors and county officials across the country in proclaiming April 4, 2017 as Volunteer Service Recognition Day. I encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of volunteer service in our town, to thank those who volunteer, and to find ways to give back to their communities.

WITNESS MY HAND this 5th day of April, 2017.



Mayor Gail Barney



Attest: Jennifer Robinson, Town Clerk