



**PROCLAMATION  
Suicide Prevention Awareness Month  
September 2017**

**WHEREAS**, the month of September 2017 is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona ranks 12<sup>th</sup> in the nation for deaths by suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide is the 8<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, 1,310 Arizonans died by suicide in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide is the first leading cause of death for Arizonans ages 10 - 14, and second leading cause of death for Arizonans ages 15 to 34, and

**WHEREAS**, on average, one person in Arizona dies by suicide every seven hours, and

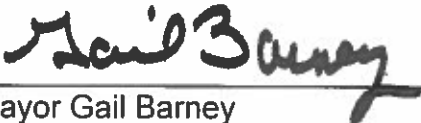
**WHEREAS**, several organizations, including Queen Creek High School; the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Queen Creek District 6; Compassionate Friends Mesa Chapter; and Tumbleweed/UMOM/SafePlace will work together to educate Queen Creek and Arizona citizens about available suicide prevention support services for teens and adults.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Gail Barney, Mayor of the Town of Queen Creek, Arizona, does hereby proclaim the month of September 2017 as:

**Suicide Prevention Awareness Month**

In witness thereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Queen Creek, Arizona, to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

**WITNESS MY HAND** this 6th day of September, 2017

  
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Mayor Gail Barney

  
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Attest: Jennifer F. Robinson, Town Clerk