



## **PROCLAMATION**

### **Fire Prevention Week October 8-14, 2017**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Queen Creek, Arizona is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Queen Creek; and

**WHEREAS**, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are where people are at greatest risk of fire; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. fire departments responded to 365,500 home fires in 2015, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. home fires resulted in 2,560 civilian deaths in 2015, representing the majority (84 percent) of all U.S. fire deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, in one-fifth of all homes with smoke alarms, the smoke alarms are not working; and

**WHEREAS**, three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without smoke alarms (38 percent) or with no working smoke alarms (21 percent); and

**WHEREAS**, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

**WHEREAS**, many Americans don't know how old the smoke alarms in their homes are, or how often they need to be replaced; and

**WHEREAS**, all smoke alarms should be replaced at least once every ten years; and

**WHEREAS**, the age of a smoke alarm can be determined by the date of its manufacture, which is marked on the back of the smoke alarm; and

**WHEREAS**, Queen Creek first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**WHEREAS**, Queen Creek residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2017 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of developing a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it twice a year;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gail Barney, Mayor of the Town of Queen Creek, do hereby proclaim October 8 through 14, 2017 as Fire Prevention Week in the Town of Queen Creek. I urge all of the people of Queen Creek to find out how old the smoke alarms in their homes are, to replace them if they're more than 10 years old, and to participate in the many public safety activities and efforts of Queen Creek Fire and Medical Department during Fire Prevention Week 2017.

**WITNESS MY HAND**, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017.

  
Gail Barney, Mayor

Attest:   
Jennifer F. Robinson, Town Clerk