



**Proclamation
Military and Veteran Caregiver Hidden Heroes Month
November 2017**

WHEREAS, our nation has been engaged in a series of wars which have resulted in 5.5 million military and veteran caregivers who are parents, spouses, siblings and friends, caring for those veterans, as documented by the 2015 Rand study commissioned by the Elizabeth Dole Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the daily tasks of these military and veteran caregivers can include daily self-care, administering medications, providing emotional support, care of the family and home, and working outside the home to earn essential income; and

WHEREAS, the nation provides multi-faceted support to our wounded, ill and injured veterans and service members through public, private and philanthropic resources, but their caregivers receive little support or acknowledgement; and

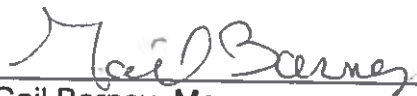
WHEREAS, most military and veteran caregivers consider the challenging work they do as simply carrying out their civic and patriotic duty, without realizing they are, in fact, caregivers, and do not identify themselves as such; and

WHEREAS, an alarming number of military and veteran caregivers, according to research, are suffering numerous debilitating mental, physical and emotional effects as a result of their caregiving duties.

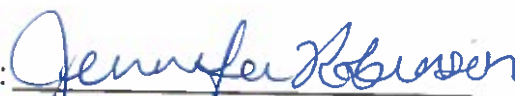
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gail Barney, Mayor of the Town of Queen Creek, Arizona, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2017 as:

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WITNESS MY HAND, this 1st day of November 2017.



Gail Barney, Mayor

Attest: 

Jennifer F. Robinson, Town Clerk