



**PROCLAMATION**  
**Arizona Travel and Tourism Week**  
**May 6 – 12, 2018**

**WHEREAS**, travel has a positive effect on the State of Arizona and the state's economic prosperity and image abroad, it also impacts business productivity and travelers' well-being; and,

**WHEREAS**, travel to and within Arizona provides significant economic benefits for the state generating \$21.2 billion in direct visitor spending by travelers; and,

**WHEREAS**, travel supports 184,200 jobs in Arizona and indirectly supports an additional 158,300 jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, travelers' spending directly generated tax revenues of \$3.09 billion for federal, state and local governments, funds used to support essential services and programs; and,

**WHEREAS**, leisure travel, which accounts for more than eighty-three percent of all (domestic) trips taken to Arizona , which spurs countless benefits to travelers' health and wellness, creativity, cultural awareness, education, happiness, productivity and relationships ; and,

**WHEREAS**, travel is a pillar of economic growth, creating jobs at a faster rate than other sectors; and,

**WHEREAS**, Queen Creek's unique agritainment industry, an important draw for travel and tourism, generates more than \$10 million annually from visitor spending, which equates to over \$230,000 in sales tax for the Town each year.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Gail Barney, Mayor of the Town of Queen Creek, Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 6 – 12, 2018 as

**Arizona Travel & Tourism Week**

**WITNESS MY HAND** this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2018.

  
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Mayor Gail Barney

  
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Attest: Jennifer F. Robinson, Town Clerk