



PROCLAMATION

International Mother Language Day February 21, 2019

WHEREAS, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1999, in its resolution proclaimed February 21 as International Mother Language Day throughout the world to commemorate the martyrs who sacrificed their lives on that day in 1952; and

WHEREAS, UNESCO in its resolution further said "languages are the most powerful instruments of preserving and developing our tangible and intangible heritage. All moves to promote the dissemination of mother tongues will serve not only to encourage linguistic diversity and multilingual education but also to develop fuller awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions throughout the world and to inspire solidarity based on understanding, tolerance and dialogue"; and

WHEREAS, February 21 is being celebrated every year as the "International Mother Language Day" all over the world by people of different origins and languages; and

WHEREAS, International Mother Language Day is observed on February 21, 2019 in Arizona to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism; and

WHEREAS, multi-cultural diversity is one of the strengths of our community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Queen Creek proclaims February 21, 2019 as

International Mother Language Day

WITNESS MY HAND this 7th day of February 2019.



Gail Barney, Mayor



Attest: Jennifer F. Robinson, Town Clerk