

Proclamation

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRAVEL & TOURISM WEEK

WHEREAS, Gilbert is part of the International Economic Development Council and U.S. Travel Association; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Travel Association is the national, non-profit organization representing and advocating for all components of the travel industry; and

WHEREAS, Gilbert was the first economic development organization in Arizona to be recognized by the International Economic Development Council as an Accredited Economic Development Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Gilbert Office of Economic Development promotes economic well-being and quality of life for the community through a program of work focused on creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, tourism in Gilbert generated \$210 million in visitor spending, created 1,700 jobs, and resulted in \$21 million in hotel sales in 2017; and

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

WHEREAS, the Gilbert Office of Economic Development supports vibrant communities to enhance the quality of life for residents of Gilbert.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jenn Daniels, Mayor of the Town of Gilbert, do hereby proclaim May 6 - 12, 2018 as:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRAVEL & TOURISM WEEK

in Gilbert, Arizona.



In witness thereof, I hereby set my hand and affix the Official Seal of the Office of the Mayor, Town of Gilbert, Arizona, this 3rd day of May 2018.

Jenn Daniels, Mayor