



**CITY OF TUCSON OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
**P R O C L A M A T I O N**

**WHEREAS,** *Buffelgrass (Pennisetum ciliare) poses an immediate threat to the natural landscape of the Sonoran Desert; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the City of Tucson joins with other jurisdictions and agencies to proclaim that the time to eradicate Buffelgrass is now; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Buffelgrass left undeterred can irrevocably alter the Sonoran Desert by competing for water and weaken or kill native desert plants; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Buffelgrass is a fire-prone grass that can fuel frequent and devastating fires, hastening the death of native desert plants and stands of Saguaros; and*

**WHEREAS,** *a heightened awareness of the negative impacts of this invasive grass is made possible through education; and*

**WHEREAS,** *without a regional effort to control its further spread, this region will face recurring grassland fires, loss of existing natural desert and costly economic impacts; and*

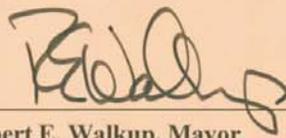
**WHEREAS,** *our region accepts the shared responsibility to recruit volunteers to assist with eradication efforts.*

**NOW, THEREFORE,** *I, Robert E. Walkup, Mayor of the City of Tucson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 1, 2008 to be*

## **Buffelgrass Eradication Day**

*in this community, and encourage all of our citizens to strongly support volunteer efforts wherever possible.*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tucson to be affixed this 1st day of February 2008.*



Robert E. Walkup, Mayor

ATTEST:



Roger Randolph, City Clerk