



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

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, named Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, it is important for Tucsonans to celebrate the role that trees play in our lives by providing oxygen and improving air quality, creating shade and habitat for wildlife, and contributing to the splendor of forests; and

WHEREAS, trees, when carefully planted and nurtured, beautify our community now and for future generations and are a source of joy, spiritual and environmental renewal, and quality of life.

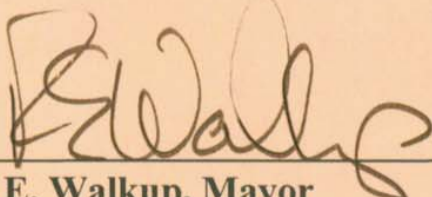
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert E. Walkup, Mayor of the City of Tucson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2008 to be

ARBOR DAY

in our desert community, and encourage all of our citizens to recognize Arbor Day by celebrating our native species trees, especially the paloverde, our state tree.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tucson to be affixed this 4th day of March 2008.





Robert E. Walkup, Mayor

ATTEST:



Roger Randolph, City Clerk