

## ***Best Buddies Day***

***WHEREAS***, Glendale, Arizona takes great pride in saluting outstanding initiatives which positively elevate the quality and standard of life for our citizens; and

***WHEREAS***, Best Buddies International is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to enhance the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing them with opportunities for one-to-one friendships and integrated employment; and

***WHEREAS***, intellectual disabilities are conditions that affect more than six-million American children, adults, and families, and the most effective weapons for the alleviation of the serious problems associated with such disabilities are public knowledge and understanding; and

***WHEREAS***, all individuals are encouraged to realize that every face in our community is a part of our society, and that persons with intellectual disabilities should be afforded full access to leisure activities, employment and community housing; and

***WHEREAS***, it is fitting and proper that official acknowledgement be given to all members of this dynamic association for their steadfast dedication towards providing fulfilling programs for Glendale's residents.

***NOW, THEREFORE***, I, Elaine M. Scruggs, Mayor of the city of Glendale, Arizona, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim March 3rd, 2007, as

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*in this community, and encourage all of our citizens to join me in honoring all those affiliated with Best Buddies Arizona and wishing them the best in all their current and future endeavors.*

*In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 27th day of February 2007.*