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MAYOR

ROBERT E. WALKUP

*Southwestern Greetings
to Participants attending the
Tucson Gem, Mineral and Fossil
2009 Showcase*

On behalf of the people of Tucson, I take great pleasure in extending my heartiest welcome to each of you.

We acknowledge and appreciate the significant contribution that exhibitors, buyers and show owners make each year to Tucson's economy. We are proud to be the host city for this exceptional event.

Many of you return yearly for the acclaimed Tucson Gem, Mineral and Fossil Showcase. This showcase has become world-renowned for the scope of products sold and displayed, as well as for the many nations represented. If you are attending for the first time, we cordially invite you to make Tucson your "home" during the event.

While you're in Tucson pursuing the wide range of professional development opportunities offered during the conference, I hope you will find time to enjoy our majestic Sonoran Desert landscape, experience some southwestern fine dining and learn more about our tri-cultural traditions. Our attractions are many and the area has a rich history of pioneer, Native American and Mexican cultures. Tucson has a uniqueness that we are eager to share. It's also home to several original and innovative restaurants, extraordinary shopping and challenging golf courses.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Walkup
Mayor of Tucson