



SAMPLE PROCLAMATION DECLARING NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS WEEK

February 26 - March 3, 2012, Washington, DC

WHEREAS, invasive aquatic, riparian and terrestrial species influence the productivity, value, and management of a broad range of land and water resources in *(insert location here)*; and

WHEREAS, the costs to prevent, monitor and control invasive species combined with the costs to crop damage, fisheries, forests, and other resources cost the U.S. \$137 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, after habitat destruction, invasive species are the second greatest threat to biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, invasive species threaten the survival of native plants and animals and interfere with ecosystem functions by changing processes like fire, nutrient flow and flooding; and

WHEREAS, invasive species impede industry, threaten agriculture, endanger human health, and are becoming increasingly harder to control as a result of rapid global commercialization and human travel.

WHEREAS, invasive species are a significant threat to almost half of the native species currently listed as federally endangered.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE _____ that February 26 through March 3, 2012 is declared to be National Invasive Species Awareness Week and hereby encourage residents to participate in National Invasive Species Awareness Week activities and events to promote knowledge and understanding of the threats posed by invasive species.

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ATTEST: