



## PROCLAMATION

### *Arbor Day*

*March 6, 2012*

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day Observances were held in California during the week of March 6th, 2012, and in the City of Santa Barbara throughout the month of March; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Barbara has been designated a "Tree City USA" for 32 years by the National Arbor Day Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Barbara is proud of its approximately 40,000 public open space, park, and street trees and recognizes the importance of professional tree care and annual tree planting programs that create a more livable community; and

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day observances were held at seven (7) local grade school campuses; and

**WHEREAS**, this spring, Santa Barbara is celebrating 110 years of City Parks, providing stewardship of trees, parks, and open space; and

**WHEREAS**, the City acknowledges Santa Barbara Beautiful's significant contribution to our urban forest through the planting of over 12,000 street trees in the past 46 years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, HELENE SCHNEIDER**, by virtue of the authority invested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby acknowledge and proclaim March 6, 2012, as **ARBOR DAY** in the City of Santa Barbara and recognize the value that trees provide in enhancing the quality of our lives.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.



  
**Helene Schneider**  
Mayor