



**PROCLAMATION**  
**National Public Gardens Day**  
**May 11, 2012**

*WHEREAS, National Public Gardens Day is an annual celebration to bring attention to America's public gardens and their important role in promoting environmental stewardship and awareness, plant and water conservation, and education in communities nationwide; and*

*WHEREAS, many of the nation's public gardens will mark this day with special events and activities for the community and encourage thousands of visitors to explore and discover their local public gardens; and*

*WHEREAS, visiting public gardens is a fun activity for everyone including families, couples, and outdoor enthusiasts, delivering a low-cost, entertaining, and beautiful community outing while providing education and research on gardening, environmental stewardship and conservation; and*

*WHEREAS, Santa Barbara's public gardens inspire us with their beauty and serenity. They play an important role in our cultural landscape and encourage an appreciation of nature and the concern for the preservation and enhancement of the environment; and*

*WHEREAS, Santa Barbara's celebration of National Public Gardens Day marks the first citywide collaboration of the public and nonprofit sectors with partners including the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Ganna Walska Lotusland, Casa del Herrero, Old Mission Santa Barbara, City of Santa Barbara - Parks & Recreation, Santa Barbara County Parks, Santa Barbara Zoological Gardens, Santa Barbara Foundation, Santa Barbara Beautiful, and PARC Foundation - truly making Santa Barbara "Garden Town, USA".*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, HELENE SCHNEIDER, by the power vested in me as Mayor for the City of Santa Barbara in the State of California, do hereby recognize the importance of public gardens to our environment.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HELENE SCHNEIDER have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.*

---

**HELENE SCHNEIDER**  
Mayor