



LETTER OF RECOGNITION
Santa Barbara Foresters
National Baseball Congress Champions
September 11, 2012

WHEREAS, The Santa Barbara Foresters semi-pro baseball team, founded in 1955, has long coveted the ultimate win and the trophy bestowed by the National Baseball Congress; and

WHEREAS, under the infectious leadership of Head Coach Bill Pintard for the past 18 years, The Foresters have just won their fourth National Baseball Congress World Series Championship; and

WHEREAS, The Foresters are the first team since 1993 to win the championship "Back to Back" and the third team in the 78th year history of the tournament to win consecutive titles; and

WHEREAS, The Foresters are comprised of college players from throughout our nation who come to Santa Barbara every summer to hone their skills under Head Coach and General Manager Bill Pintard and his coaching staff of Gary Woods, Dan Yokubaitis, Alex Hoover, Casey Cloud and Matt Vaikia; and

WHEREAS, not to be undone by their achievements on the Field, they continue their work with the "Hugs for Cubs" - a childhood support program for children battling cancer and other serious diseases; and

WHEREAS, part of their annual trip to Wichita is an annual visit to the Via Christi Hospital to visit the youngsters, where they have been putting smiles on these kids faces.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HELENE SCHNEIDER, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby recognize **THE SANTA BARBARA FORESTERS** for realizing their dreams and for taking along the many who came before them.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 11th day of September 2012.

HELENE SCHNEIDER
MAYOR

