



PROCLAMATION

Fair Housing Month

April 2013

WHEREAS, 2013 marks the 50th anniversary of California's fair housing laws, the 45th anniversary of the federal Fair Housing Act, and the 30th anniversary of the City of Santa Barbara's Housing Discrimination Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara's Housing Discrimination Ordinance was enacted to ensure that a fair choice of rental housing was available to all individuals regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, marital status, national origin, familial status, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, or ancestry; and

WHEREAS, despite the local, state and federal laws on the books, reports of discrimination in housing continues; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April, interested parties from both the private and public sectors participated in a national effort to promote fair housing; and

WHEREAS, as part of the City's participation in **Fair Housing Month**, notices were placed on the City News page directing residents to information about the City's Fair Housing and Rental Housing Mediation Task Force programs and an announcement was placed in the City Newsletter.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HELENE SCHNEIDER, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby proclaim April as **FAIR HOUSING MONTH** and urge all citizens to understand and exercise their right to equal housing opportunity.

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 30th day of April 2013.

Helene Schneider
Mayor

