

**PROCLAMATION
PUBLIC GARDENS
APPRECIATION MONTH
MAY, 2013**

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 and a connection to nature and the concern for the preservation and enhancement of the environment; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Santa Barbara strive to preserve and protect the historic, natural, and cultural resources for all who live, work, and play in our community; and

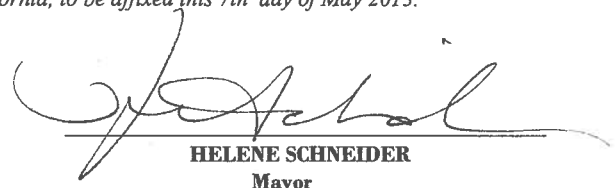
WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara is home to the Mission's Rose Garden, La Huerta Historic Garden and Alice Keck Park Memorial Garden, – each with their own unique gardens, be they native plant, ornamental, rare species or historical; and

*WHEREAS, the celebration of **Public Gardens Appreciation Month** includes special events and activities listed on www.sbpublicgardens.org, which encourage the community to explore and discover their local public gardens and marks the first county-wide collaboration like it in the country; and*

WHEREAS, this county-wide collaboration includes more than 20 nonprofit, public sector, luxury hotel, community funders, and university members ~ has officially been named "Santa Barbara Public Gardens Partnership" whose mission is "to promote awareness of our unique and inspiring public gardens.

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 importance of public gardens to our history, economy, landscape, and environment, and declare May 2013, as **Public Gardens Appreciation Month** in the City of Santa Barbara.

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 7th day of May 2013.


HELENE SCHNEIDER
Mayor

