

PROCLAMATION

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL
October 11, 2013**

*WHEREAS, On December 19, 2011, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a Resolution to declare October 11th as **International Day of the Girl**, to recognize girls' rights and the unique challenges girls face around the world; and*

*WHEREAS, The **International Day of the Girl** is dedicated to educating and helping girls overcome obstacles by empowering them to be 'Strong, Smart and Bold!' while urging them to realize their potential and follow their dreams; and*

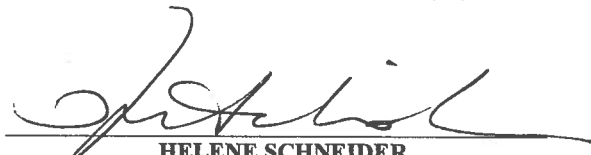
*WHEREAS, In an attempt to advocate for gender equality in the world, Girls Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara and other local and state agencies have brought the celebration of the **International Day of the Girl** to Santa Barbara; and*

WHEREAS, In 2012 Girls Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara served 1,101 girls in ages ranging from 5 to 18, and distributed over \$400,000 in scholarship support; and

*WHEREAS, On behalf of the City of Santa Barbara, I am proud to join Girls, Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara in celebration of **International Day of the Girl**, and I wish to thank all of our City's girls and women for their contributions to our City.*

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 proclaim October 11, 2013, as **International Day of the Girl.

***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 11th day of October, 2013.*


HELENE SCHNEIDER
Mayor

