

**PROCLAMATION
GIRLS INCORPORATED WEEK
May 5-9, 2014**

WHEREAS, Girls Inc. is a research, education and advocacy organization whose mission is to inspire all girls to be strong, smart and bold; and

WHEREAS, For over 150 years nationally and more than 50 years locally, Girls Inc. has provided vital educational programs to help confront societal messages about their value and potential, and prepares them to take risks, master physical, intellectual, and emotional challenges and to lead successful, independent, fulfilling lives; and


WHEREAS, Girls Inc. asserts girls have the right to be themselves and sist gender stereotypes express themselves with originality and enthusiasm, take risks, to strive freely, and to take pride in success; and

WHEREAS, Girls Inc. professionally trained staff and volunteers encourage girls to build skills and self-confidence through hands-on activities and programs that let girls discover their strengths in areas such as math, science, technology, sports, adventure, leadership, career planning and life skills.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HELENE SCHNEIDER, as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby proclaim May 5th – May 9th, 2014 as GIRLS INCORPORATED WEEK in honor of your commitment to nurturing girls' dreams, supporting girls' rights and creating endless opportunities for girls to recognize their power and potential to succeed in life.

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 21st day of April 2014.




HELENE SCHNEIDER
Mayor