



**ADULT LITERACY AWARENESS MONTH**

**SEPTEMBER 2014**

*WHEREAS, the need for a literate citizenry is undeniably essential for social, economic, and personal growth; and*

*WHEREAS, Victor Hugo wrote: "To learn to read is to light a fire;" and*

*WHEREAS, Ernest Hemingway wrote: "There is no friend as loyal as a book;" and*

*WHEREAS, Kofi Annan said, "Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope;" and*

*WHEREAS, Stephen King said, "Books are a uniquely portable magic;" and*

*WHEREAS, Frederick Douglass proclaimed, "Once you learn to read, you will be forever free;" and*

*WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson proclaimed, "I cannot live without books;" and*

*WHEREAS, Walt Disney said, There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island;" and*

*WHEREAS, 18% of adults in Santa Barbara County lack basic prose literacy skills; and*

*WHEREAS, the year 2014 marks the 30th anniversary of California Library Literacy Services; and*

*WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Public Library System, through California Library Literacy Services, offers free one-on-one tutoring for adults living and working in the library district.*

**NOW THEREFORE, I HELENE SCHNEIDER, Mayor of Santa Barbara, on behalf of the Santa Barbara City Council, hereby proclaim September 2014 as **ADULT LITERACY AWARENESS MONTH** and urge my fellow residents to join me in appreciating the importance of literacy.**

*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 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2014.*

  
**HELENE SCHNEIDER**  
Mayor

