



**PROCLAMATION
SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH
September 2014**

WHEREAS, worldwide there are more deaths by suicide than by homicide and war combined; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person dies by suicide every 13.3 minutes, with 39,518 deaths by suicide in our country; and

WHEREAS, in our country, suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death for 15-24 year olds, and is the 10th leading cause of death for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, in Santa Barbara County suicide was reported as the 5th leading cause of premature death; and

WHEREAS, each person's death by suicide intimately affects at least six other people, with over 200,000 newly bereaved each year; and

WHEREAS, a great many suicides are preventable and can be reduced through awareness, education and treatment.

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, HELENE SCHNEIDER, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, do hereby proclaim September as **SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH** in Santa Barbara in support and recognition of the International Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.*

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 8th day of September 2014.



HELENE SCHNEIDER
Mayor