

## **BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH**

**October 2014**

***WHEREAS**, the future of our community, our state and our nation depends on the young people who will handle the affairs of tomorrow being emotionally healthy with a sense of belonging; and*

***WHEREAS**, it is reported that 30% of U.S. students in grades 6-10 have experienced bullying on a regular basis, either as a victim, bully or both; and*

***WHEREAS**, for **Bullying Prevention Month**, the City of Santa Barbara joined forces with the United States Conference of Mayors and the Bully Project in the Mayors Campaign to end bullying; and*

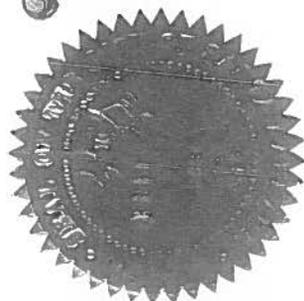
***WHEREAS**, it is reported that bullying causes loneliness, feelings of exclusion; depression, anxiety, decrease in academic achievement, and other negative emotions and behaviors; and*

***WHEREAS**, providing a safe physical and emotional environment is a significant goal and a personal responsibility of each individual; and*

***WHEREAS**, it is important that we acknowledge and heighten awareness about the serious issues and the negative effects of bullying, including the long-term damage it can cause in our youth as well as the risks of teenage suicide.*

***NOW THEREFORE, I, HELENE SCHNEIDER**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2014 as **BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH** and commend all the members of our community who are contributing to the fight to end bullying.*

***IN WITNESS THEREOF**, 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 October 2014.*



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**HELENE SCHNEIDER**  
Mayor