

**PROCLAMATION  
WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD  
April 12-18, 2015**

*WHEREAS, the purpose of the **Week of the Young Child 2015** is a national effort to call attention to the need for high quality early childhood educational programs and services for all children and families. It is important to increase community involvement in early childhood issues and to foster continued participation on the part of the community, addressing child care needs, and to celebrate the joys of young children; and*

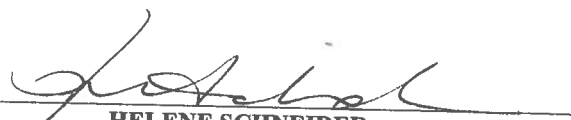
*WHEREAS, by calling attention to the need for early childhood education programs and services for all children and families within our community, these groups hope to improve the quality and availability of such education programs and services; and*

*WHEREAS, the future of our community depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today; and*

*WHEREAS, high-quality early childhood education programs and services represent a worthy investment and commitment to our children's future and should be recognized for their value to the community.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, HELENE SCHNEIDER**, as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby proclaim the week of **April 12-18, 2015** as **Week of the Young Child** and urges all residents to recognize and support the needs of young children in our community and the high quality programs that serve them.

*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 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.*

  
**HELENE SCHNEIDER**  
Mayor

