



**45th ANNIVERSARY
OF
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL
AND SANTA BARBARA EARTH DAY
April 2015**

WHEREAS, in 1969, the devastating images of a massive oil spill from an oil platform off Santa Barbara's coast caught the attention of the rest of the nation, including Senator Gaylord Nelson and his assistant Denis Hayes; and

WHEREAS, this was the largest oil spill the nation had seen at that time, and was a significant catalyst for the creation of a national Earth Day in April 1970; and

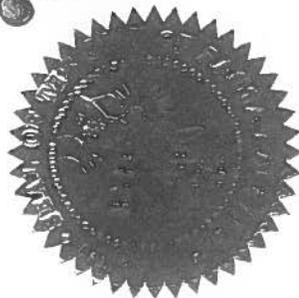
WHEREAS, this tragedy also galvanized Santa Barbara's modern environmental movement, including the formation of the Community Environmental Council (CEC) in 1970; and

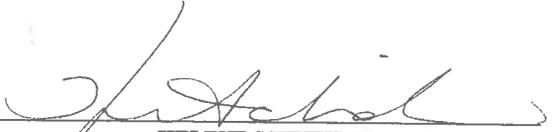
WHEREAS, the Community Environmental Council's first official act in 1970 was to organize the Santa Barbara Earth Day Festival – an event that CEC continues to host to this day, and which is now held in partnership with the City of Santa Barbara at Alameda Park; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year's Santa Barbara Earth Day Festival reflects the continued need to move toward cleaner forms of renewable energy, and calls on the community to stand up for significant action on climate change.

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 April 2015 as the 45th Anniversary of the Community Environmental Council and the Santa Barbara Earth Day Festival.

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 21st day of April 2015.




HELENE SCHNEIDER
Mayor