



25th ANNIVERSARY

OF

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

JULY 26, 2015

***WHEREAS,** On July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities; and*

***WHEREAS,** This legislation established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and*

***WHEREAS,** This landmark law affirms that Americans with disabilities are Americans first; and*

***WHEREAS,** The ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers and changing perceptions, and increasing full participation in community life; and*

***WHEREAS,** We recognize the contributions and progress Americans with disabilities have made in our community; and*

***WHEREAS,** the City continues to make improvements to accessibility in its programs and services, facilities, and public rights of way with the advice and participation of its Access Advisory Committee.*

***WHEREAS,** On the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we rededicate ourselves to empowering every individual with those most American principles of equal access and equal opportunity.*

***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 July 26, 2015, as the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.*

***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 July 2015.*

HELENE SCHNEIDER

Mayor

