



25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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

