



PROCLAMATION

National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

September 2015

WHEREAS, in 2013, 21.6 million people in the United States, including 1.3 million youth aged 12-17, have faced a substance use disorder, and all deserve to experience the many benefits of recovery; and

WHEREAS, nine out of ten Americans suffering substance addiction began using alcohol and other drugs before age 18, and teen substance abuse underlies the largest preventable and most costly public health problem in America today; and

WHEREAS, 78% of Santa Barbara High School students who participated in prevention activities reported that these activities helped them avoid alcohol and drug use; and

WHEREAS, treatment is cost effective, with some measurements showing a benefit-to-cost ratio of approximately 12:1, and every \$1 invested in addiction treatment programs yielding a return of between \$4 and \$7 in reduced drug-related crime, criminal justice costs, and theft alone; and

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, HELENE SCHNEIDER, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, do hereby proclaim **September 2015** as **NATIONAL ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH** and call upon the people of Santa Barbara to celebrate people who recover.*

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 15th day of September 2015.

Helene Schneider
Mayor

