



## PROCLAMATION

### Fair Housing Month

April 2016

*WHEREAS, April is National Fair Housing Month, which celebrates the passage of the federal Fair Housing Act; and*

*WHEREAS, during the month of April, interested parties from both the private and public sectors will participate in a national effort to promote fair housing; and*

*WHEREAS, despite the local, state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and partner agencies received more than 8,000 discrimination complaints nationwide each year from 2010 to 2013; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara approved its own Housing Discrimination Ordinance ensuring that a fair choice of rental housing was available to all City residents regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, marital status, national origin, familial status, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, or ancestry; and*

*WHEREAS, as part of the City's participation in Fair Housing Month, notices will placed on the City News page directing residents to information about the City's Fair Housing and Rental Housing Mediation programs and an announcement will be placed in the City Newsletter; and*

*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 as **FAIR HOUSING MONTH** and urge all citizens to understand and exercise their right to equal housing opportunity.*

*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 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Schneider', is written over a horizontal line.

**HELENE SCHNEIDER**  
Mayor

