City of Santa Barbara

SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL DAY
July 15, 2016

***WHEREAS**, Sister Cities International was founded as a Presidential initiative by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on September 11, 1956 at the White House Conference on citizen diplomacy to create more community-led global relationships so that people of different cultures could appreciate their differences and build partnerships that would lessen the chance of new national conflicts; and*

***WHEREAS**, in 2016 Sister Cities International is celebrating 60 years of global citizen and civic diplomatic action, and helping support a future where the world's cities, communities, and its citizens can come together in common ground; and*

***WHEREAS**, Sister Cities International currently has 550 U.S. member cities, counties and states with relationships with over 2100 communities in 145 countries, spanning 6 continents having representation in nearly every district represented in the House of Representatives; and*

***WHEREAS**, countless city, county, and state governments and their leaders have been involved in global relationships that include educational, economic, cultural, municipal and humanitarian assistance exchange programs that are mutually beneficial to each community due to Sister Cities International; and*

***WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Barbara and the Santa Barbara branch of Sister Cities International are proud to be a driving part of this global network with Sister City partnerships in Dingle, Ireland; Kotor, Montenegro; Patras, Greece; Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; San Juan, Philippines; Toba, Japan; and Weihai, China; and*

***WHEREAS**, Sister Cities International Day is a fitting occasion to commemorate the significant impact that the organization has made in building bridges across nations, cities, and communities around the globe in order to create and sustain world peace.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, HELENE SCHNEIDER,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, do declare July 15, 2016 **Sister Cities International Day**.*

***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 12th day of July, 2016.*

Helene Schneider
Mayor