



# City of Santa Barbara

## PROCLAMATION SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH September 2016

*WHEREAS, worldwide there are more deaths by suicide than by homicide and war combined; and*

*WHEREAS, in the United States, one person dies by suicide every 12.3 minutes, with 42,773 deaths by suicide in our country; and*

*WHEREAS, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for 15-24 year olds in the US, and is the 10th leading cause of death for people of all ages; and*

*WHEREAS, in Santa Barbara, suicide was reported as the 5th leading cause of premature death; and*

*WHEREAS, each person's death by suicide intimately affects at least six other people, with over 200,000 newly bereaved each year; and*

*WHEREAS, a great many suicides are preventable and can be reduced through awareness, education and treatment;*

*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 as **SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH** in Santa Barbara in support and recognition of the International Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.*

*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 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016.*

  
HELENE SCHNEIDER  
Mayor