

*In Honor of the*  
**25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
*of*  
**WOMEN'S ECONOMIC VENTURES**

*WHEREAS, since its inception in 1991, Women's Economic Ventures (WEV) has focused on creating a more equitable and just society through the economic empowerment of women; and*

*WHEREAS, 86% of Women's Economic Ventures's clients are women who benefit from programs designed to address the needs of entrepreneurs at different stages in the life cycle of a business; and*

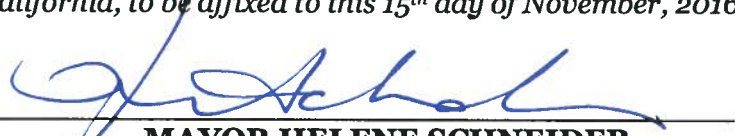
*WHEREAS, for 25 years Women's Economic Ventures has provided business training, consulting, and loans to Central Coast entrepreneurs through a variety of programs including the Loan Program-- serving small businesses that don't qualify for traditional bank lending--which has approved \$4 million in loans to date; and*

*WHEREAS, Women's Economic Ventures offers business education through "Self Employment Training" and "WEV en Espanol" courses that cover the major aspects of operating a business; and*

*WHEREAS, since 1991, Women's Economic Ventures has served over 2,000 Santa Barbara clients and helped start or expand over 2,000 local businesses which has generated an estimated \$146 million in annual sales revenues and created/sustained over 4,000 local jobs.*

*NOW, THEREFORE I, MAYOR HELENE SCHNEIDER, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, hereby congratulate Women's Economic Ventures upon their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I thank you for your positive impact on the Santa Barbara community, and wish you many more years of success.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed to this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.*

  
MAYOR HELENE SCHNEIDER

