



In Honor of the
25TH 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 25th 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 15th day of November, 2016.


MAYOR HELENE SCHNEIDER

