



CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION AND REMEMBRANCE

in Honor of
THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES OR SUSTAINED INJURIES
in
**SANDY HOOK, ISLA VISTA,
GOLETA, AND SANTA BARBARA**
as well as the 32,000+ Lives Lost Each Year in America

WHEREAS, December 14, 2016, will mark four years since the shooting massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School where twenty children and six educators were killed in Newtown, Connecticut in a horrific and heinous act of violence; and

WHEREAS, the Goleta, Isla Vista, and Santa Barbara communities continue to mourn and remember the victims of local mass shootings, including the six lives lost at the Goleta Post Office on January 30, 2006; the six lives lost and thirteen injured in Isla Vista on May 23, 2014; and the recent loss of a local family Dr. Henry Han, Jennie Han, and their daughter Emily Han on March 23, 2016; and

WHEREAS, our nation continues to grieve with the families of the 32,000-plus people who die annually in America due to senseless gun violence incidents; and

WHEREAS, recent high-profile mass shootings have finally opened the eyes of our nation to the reality that gun violence is a major public health and safety issue resulting in tens of thousands of deaths and injuries, as well as a national economic burden estimated at \$100–\$126 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2016, the Santa Barbara community will gather in the Sanctuary of the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara Church for an Interfaith Memorial Vigil honoring the victims of Sandy Hook, the Goleta Post Office, Isla Vista, and the Han Family, and to remember the 32,000-plus lives lost nationally.

NOW THEREFORE, I, HELENE SCHNEIDER, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, encourage the local community to join citizens across the nation tomorrow in honoring the memories of, and paying tribute to, those who have lost their lives to gun violence, both locally and nationally.

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 14th day of December 2016.


MAYOR HELENE SCHNEIDER

