



# City of Santa Barbara

## PROCLAMATION

### *Lights on Afterschool!*

October 12, 2006

*WHEREAS, Lights On Afterschool! promotes the critical importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, their families, and their communities at a time in our nation when more than 28 million children have parents who work outside the home, and 14.3 million children have nowhere to go after school; and*

*WHEREAS, the citizens of Santa Barbara stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities because they provide safe, challenging, engaging, and fun learning experiences to help children and youth develop their social, emotional, physical, cultural, and academic skills; and*

*WHEREAS, quality afterschool programs also support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends, and these programs are opportunities to engage families, schools, and diverse community partners in advancing the welfare of our children; and*

*WHEREAS, quality afterschool programs build stronger communities by involving our students, parents, business leaders, and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among children, youth, families, and adults; and*

*WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation and Santa Barbara City Schools have provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, and are grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and*

*WHEREAS, when many afterschool programs across the country are facing funding shortfalls so severe that they are being forced to close their doors and turn off their lights, Santa Barbara is opening theirs,*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTY BLUM,** by virtue of the authority vested in me by the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby proclaim October 12, 2006, as **LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL! DAY** and enthusiastically encourage our community members to support innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, to be affixed this 1st day of October, 2006.*

*Marty Blum*  
MARTY BLUM, MAYOR  
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