



PROCLAMATION

Arts Education Month March 2007

WHEREAS, the Governor and state legislature have declared March 2007 as California Arts Education Month in order to encourage the next generation of Californians to participate in and develop an appreciation for the arts; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara City Council formed the City Arts Advisory Committee in 1985 as a way to support and encourage access to the arts for all city residents; and

WHEREAS, an education in the arts teaches students in complex thinking, focuses on a variety of learning styles, and engages those who might otherwise fail; and

WHEREAS, high achieving students discover new challenges though the arts, and an education in the arts teaches students how to work cooperatively with others and to value diverse cultures; and

WHEREAS, arts education helps to prepare students to become successful members of the 21st Century workforce,

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTY BLUM, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby proclaim March 2007 as **ARTS EDUCATION MONTH** as a way to motivate continued interest in ensuring that our students are supported with an arts curriculum, that outstanding young artists receive due recognition, and that careers in the arts are available to students.*

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 15th day of March 2007.

MARTY BLUM, MAYOR

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