



## PROCLAMATION

### Mediation Month March 2007

*WHEREAS, resolving disputes through formal court proceedings when parties often are in adversarial relations can be costly, time consuming, and complex, and mediation provides a viable alternative; and*

*WHEREAS, out of a "grassroots" recognition of a need for communication, conflict resolution, and improved relations between landlords and tenants, the Rental Housing Mediation Task Force was established in 1976 and is funded by the Community Development Block Grant Program; and*

*WHEREAS, the Rental Housing Mediation Task Force has 15 community volunteers who are trained mediators ready and able to help those in need of conflict resolution services; and*

*WHEREAS, many community organizations, including the Appropriate Dispute Resolution Programs Committee of the Santa Barbara Superior Court, the Court Administered Dispute Resolution Program of Superior Court, the Appropriate Dispute Resolution Section of the Santa Barbara Bar Association, the Conflict Solution Center, and Individual Professional Mediators, are engaged in promoting the use of mediation as an alternative form of dispute resolution and increasing public awareness of its merits,*

*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 the month of March 2007 as **MEDIATION MONTH** and support community efforts to encourage our neighbors to avail themselves of mediation services.*

*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 7th day of March, 2007.*



*Marty Blum*  
MARTY BLUM, MAYOR

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