

City of Santa Barbara

PROCLAMATION

America500 Birthday
500th Anniversary of the Naming of the Americas
April 25, 2007

WHEREAS, this year marks the 500th birthday of the geographical naming of the Americas, North and South, as separate land masses; and

WHEREAS, in 1507, German cartographer Martin Waldseemuller published the first map to use the name "America" that appeared on the coast of Brazil and Argentina in recognition of Florentine astronomer Amerigo Vespucci; and

WHEREAS, that map is the first printed depiction of the Earth as a globe and of the image of a western ocean, now known as the Pacific Ocean,

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 April 25, 2007 as AMERICA500 BIRTHDAY during World Geography Month and in doing so, encourage an educational opportunity to understand the origins of indigenous, immigrant, and uprooted populations of Santa Barbara and America.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 18th day of April, 2007.

Marty Blum
MARTY BLUM, MAYOR



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