



City of Santa Barbara

PROCLAMATION

Cover the Uninsured Week
April 23 - 29, 2007

WHEREAS, now in its fifth year, Cover the Uninsured has served as a national platform for discussion and debate about the need to provide for America's uninsured, and to make this issue a priority; and

WHEREAS, over the past five years, health care premiums have risen five-and-a-half times as fast as general inflation, and four times as fast as workers' earnings; and

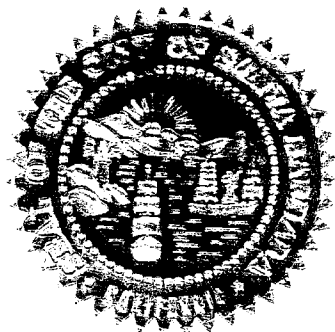
WHEREAS, eight of 10 people who are uninsured are in working families, with the percentage of employers offering health insurance at less than 60 percent and decreasing each year; and

WHEREAS, insured children are more likely to get the care they need when they need it, and healthy children are better prepared to learn in school and succeed in life; and

WHEREAS, despite past efforts of public health organizations, safety net clinics, and public insurance programs, the number of persons without insurance or with only limited insurance continues to grow,

*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 23 - 29, 2007 as **COVER THE UNINSURED WEEK** and encourage the members of our community to involve themselves in the national and state debate that could extend health insurance coverage for our residents.*

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, MAYOR

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