



City of Santa Barbara

PROCLAMATION

National Community Development Week *April 9 - 15, 2007*

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), enacted in 1974, is the principal federal program providing grants to states, cities, towns and counties to devise innovative and constructive neighborhood approaches to improve the physical, economical, and social environment of our communities; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with nonprofit agencies and residents of the target neighborhoods, the City of Santa Barbara has participated in the CDBG program since its inception and has received more than \$36 million in funding that has been used to provide services to low-income residents and to better our community; and

WHEREAS, services provided in Santa Barbara through CDBG program funding include: shelter for the homeless, runaway youth, victims of domestic violence, and persons with AIDS, plus, single and multi-family housing rehabilitation, housing assistance and maintenance for the disabled and elderly, job creation, fair housing enforcement, Rental Housing Mediation services, neighborhood and park improvements; and

WHEREAS, this community, along with the local service providers, hereby petition the U.S. Congress and Administration to preserve and fully fund the CDBG program and maintain its essential features over the course of the next session of Congress,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTY BLUM, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, do hereby proclaim April 9 - 15, 2007, as NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK and give special thanks and recognition to all of the participants whose hard work helps ensure the quality and effectiveness of the CDBG program.

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 4th day of April, 2007.



Marty Blum

MARTY BLUM, MAYOR

APR 10 2007 # 2
120.04