



City of Santa Barbara

PROCLAMATION

Firefighter Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, firefighters throughout our local community and the nation have been working with the Muscular Dystrophy Association in the fight against neuromuscular disease for over 54 years, and in 2007, they have helped raise approximately \$28 million throughout the country in support of MDA; and

WHEREAS, in May 2007, Santa Barbara City Fire Fighters raised funds for local individuals and families through the "Fill the Boot" fundraiser, thereby making it possible to send children to MDA's week-long summer camp; and

WHEREAS, firefighters already contribute greatly to the well-being of all residents by providing extensive fire prevention education programs and by willingly facing hazardous duties and responsibilities that may put their own lives at risk; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of our City firefighters who partner with the Mid-State Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association to raise awareness and funds that someday may bring a cure for debilitating neuromuscular diseases,

*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 February, 2008 as **MDA Firefighter Appreciation Month** and encourage all residents to pay tribute to firefighters, past and present, for their dedication and efforts to serve selflessly for the safety and well-being of those who live and work in our community.*

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, to be affixed this 12th day of February, 2008.



Marty Blum
MARTY BLUM, MAYOR