City of Santa Barbara

LETTER of RECOGNITION

Eddie Luparello
Santa Barbara City College Surf Class

For Bravery and Valor in the Performance of His Duties

***WHEREAS**, on the afternoon of February 14, 2008, just after noon, Santa Barbara City College surf class participant **Eddie Luparello** witnessed a fellow student exhibiting abnormal behavior in shallow water at Leadbetter Beach; and*

***WHEREAS**, **Eddie Luparello** immediately responded to the victim and as he approached the fellow student went unconscious and rolled face down in the shallow water; and*

***WHEREAS**, Santa Barbara City College Surf Instructor Allison Slade became aware of the emergency situation and began to make her way to the beach to assist **Mr. Luparello** and City Beach Lifeguard John Belter; and*

***WHEREAS**, Upon City Beach Lifeguard John Belter arriving on scene to provide emergency care including CPR, both **Mr. Luparello** and Ms. Slade coordinated contacting 911 and assisted with managing the scene until advanced emergency services arrived.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTY BLUM,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, do hereby recognize and commend the bravery and valor exhibited by **Eddie Luparello** and Allison Slade during the February 14, 2008 ocean rescue of an unconscious surfer at Leadbetter Beach. Their lack of hesitation to render care and their actions contributed to the successful rescue efforts and were vitally important to the positive outcome of this incident.*

***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 11th day of March, 2008.*

Marty Blum

MARTY BLUM, MAYOR