



City of Santa Barbara

PROCLAMATION

World Asthma Day May 6, 2008

WHEREAS, World Asthma Day is celebrated in May to make us more aware about asthma and to promote asthma education; and

WHEREAS, asthma is the leading serious chronic illness found among children in the United States and is one of the most common causes of school absences, accounting for more than 13 million missed school days each year, and

WHEREAS, each year 2 million people are rushed to the emergency room and over 4,000 people die from asthma; and

WHEREAS, Asthma disproportionately affects women, children, certain minorities and the poor; and

WHEREAS, Asthma is a serious chronic disease that results in restricted activities, lost nights of sleep, and disruption of family and caregiver routine, which can be costly for patients and families; and

WHEREAS, Implementing simple steps to reduce exposure to environmental triggers and taking appropriate medications will control and reduce asthma episodes; and

WHEREAS, Exposure to allergens and irritants such as secondhand smoke, dust mites, mold, cockroaches, and pet dander can bring an asthma episode; and

WHEREAS, a long-term goal is to prevent asthma episodes by reducing exposure to asthma triggers, such as secondhand smoke, ozone, dust mites, mold, and other fine particles in the air

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTY BLUM, I do hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 6, 2008, as Asthma Awareness Day in the City of Santa Barbara and urge all citizens to be aware of the importance of addressing this critical public health problem so those with asthma can live a healthy, active life.

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 6th day of May, 2008.

MARTY BLUM, MAYOR

