



City of Santa Barbara

PROCLAMATION

Cover the Uninsured Week *April 27 – May 3, 2008*

WHEREAS, now in its sixth 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, the problem of the uninsured is continuing to grow - the federal government estimates that over 47 million individuals, including 9 million children, lack health insurance coverage of any kind; and

WHEREAS, more than eight out of 10 people who are uninsured are in working families; and

WHEREAS, not having health insurance means minor illnesses can become major ones because care is delayed; and

WHEREAS, lack of coverage can allow one serious ailment or accident to wipe out a family's bank account; and

WHEREAS, every year more Americans join the ranks of the uninsured – faced with the reality that uninsured people live sicker and die younger than those who are covered;

*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 27 – May 3, 2008 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 6th day of May, 2008.



Marty Blum
MARTY BLUM, MAYOR