



PROCLAMATION

Suicide Prevention Week September 22-29, 2008

WHEREAS, suicide is a national health problem and suicide prevention is a community responsibility; and

WHEREAS, worldwide there are more deaths by suicide than by homicide and war combined; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person completes suicide every 16.1 minutes, over 32,000 people die by suicide each year, and 5 million living Americans have made a suicide attempt; and

WHEREAS, 52.1% of people who die by suicide use a firearm; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the eleventh leading cause of all deaths in the United States; the third leading cause of death among people from the age of 15 to 24; and the second leading cause of death among people from the age of 25 to 34; and

WHEREAS, a great many suicides are preventable and can be reduced through awareness, education and treatment; and

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTY BLUM, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, do hereby proclaim September 22-29, 2008 as **SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK** in Santa Barbara in support and recognition of the International Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.*

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 23rd day of September 2008.

Marty Blum
MARTY BLUM, MAYOR

