



PROCLAMATION

Human Rights Day

60th Anniversary of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights

December 10, 2008

WHEREAS, the desire for peace in the aftermath of the Second World War united all the Member States from the United Nations in their vision of the world as the international community in which everyone is treated with respect and dignity; and

WHEREAS, in 1948, the authors of the Universal Declaration of human Rights, themselves from different regions of the world, sought to ensure that the Declaration would reflect these different cultural traditions and incorporate common values inherent in the world's principal legal systems and religious and philosophical traditions; and

WHEREAS, in the past sixty years the Declaration has been and continues to be a source of inspiration for national and international efforts to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms for all people regardless of their race, gender, background or age; and

WHEREAS, throughout the last sixty years many in the City of Santa Barbara have recognized the importance of the Universal Human Rights Declaration, passing it on from generation to generation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara and supporting partners, such as the Santa Barbara Youth for Human Rights Coalition to educate youth in Human Rights so they become knowledgeable advocates of tolerance, equality, respect, love and peace; and

WHEREAS, our community is committed to work hands-on with youth, parents, teachers and mentors to develop a generation of youth who are safe, secure and aware of their place in the human family;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTY BLUM, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, do hereby proclaim December 10, 2008, as THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1948 UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

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 9th day of December, 2008.

MARTY BLUM, MAYOR