



PROCLAMATION

2nd Annual Endowment for Youth Committee Black History Month February 2009

WHEREAS, Black History Month celebrates and embodies the African-American culture in all its beauty, its hopes, its dreams and its heritage and the pride of its existence; and

WHEREAS, in remembering, African-Americans seek to understand their past in relation to their heritage. In believing in themselves, they can make a difference, and in hoping, they can gain courage for the future; and

WHEREAS, Jazz, Swing, Gospel, Prose, Cultural Festivals and Advancements in Education have always been and continue to be integral parts that embody the African-American experience; and

WHEREAS, the Endowment For Youth Committee is recognized for establishing the Annual Black History Month Celebration in the City of Santa Barbara in collaboration with Santa Barbara County Arts Commission, Santa Barbara City College, Brotherhood of Santa Barbara, Inner Light Community Gospel Choir, Santa Barbara Maritime Museum and in doing so has enhanced awareness and understanding of its citizenry regarding the accomplishments of African-Americans.

*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 February 2009 as **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** and urge the residents of Santa Barbara to celebrate the Unity of Santa Barbara by attending and participating in planned events and activities throughout our City.*

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 3rd day of February, 2009.

Marty Blum
MARTYBLUM, MAYOR