



# City of Santa Barbara

## PROCLAMATION

### *Lions White Cane Days* **March 14-15, 2009**

*WHEREAS, Lions International, with over 1,400,000 members in the free world, has been dedicated to serving sight for over sixty years; and*

*WHEREAS, Lions International at its 1925 Convention was inspired to include servicing the sight needy as an import part of it community concerns. It was the appeal of the lovely triple-handicapped Helen Keller and her dedicated teacher, Anne Sullivan, who declared that Miss Keller's inability to see was her greatest handicap; and*

*WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Host Lions Club has been outstanding in its community in helping the needy with sight problems through the use of its White Cane donations; and*

*WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Host Lions Club has invited its neighbors to share in saving vision by donating to its White Cane Days event; and*

*WHEREAS, many Lion-assisted research teams have learned more about sight, devised new treatments and surgeries to correct subnormal vision. More people are living better because of the new techniques and new instruments that are available to the sight impaired.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTY BLUM**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, do hereby proclaim March 14-15, 2009, as **LIONS WHITE CANE DAYS**, and urge all citizens to join in sharing the Lions concern for the best sight possible for our neighbors in need, by giving generously to Lions White Cane Day. Every penny will give "The Gift of Sight."

*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 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.*

  
*Marty Blum*  
**MARTY BLUM, MAYOR**