

PROCLAMATION

Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month August 2011

WHEREAS, *Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) is the leading genetic killer of children under the age of two and one in 40 Americans carry the gene that causes SMA; and*

WHEREAS, *Spinal Muscular Atrophy is known to cause degeneration in voluntary muscle movement for those that survive with the disease; and*


WHEREAS, *Spinal Muscular Atrophy crosses all racial and ethnic boundaries, and can strike anyone of any age, race or gender; and*

WHEREAS, *increased awareness of Spinal Muscular Atrophy will lead to increased knowledge and increased support for both disease research and the families affected by the disease, hopefully leading to a cure; and*

WHEREAS, *patient groups have named August as National Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month in order to raise awareness and help promote research and the families affected by the disease, hopefully leading to a cure.*

NOW THEREFORE, I, HELENE SCHNEIDER, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby proclaim August 2011 as **SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY AWARENESS MONTH** and encourage members of our community to raise awareness and to support organizations that are working hard to find a treatment and/or a cure for SMA, including the families of SMA.

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 August, 2011.


HELENE SCHNEIDER,
Mayor

