



**PROCLAMATION  
SANTA BARBARA RAPE CRISIS CENTER  
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH  
April 2015**

*WHEREAS, sexual assault is a highly stigmatized crime affecting one out of four women and one out of six men; and*

*WHEREAS, any individual incapacitated by drugs or alcohol is rendered incapable of giving consent, making any sexual contact with that individual a form of sexual assault; and*

*WHEREAS, Santa Barbara has seen a twenty-eight percent increase in reported sexual assaults involving the use of alcohol in recent years; and*

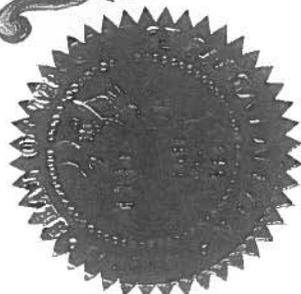
*WHEREAS, this month Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center aims to train owners and staff at local bars to intervene in situations that could lead to sexual assault; and*

*WHEREAS, raising awareness of sexual assault as a critical issue in our community is a necessary first step in challenging attitudes that implicitly tolerate this behavior; and*

*WHEREAS, for the past forty years Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center has been working towards eliminating sexual assault locally by providing support services for survivors and increasing the visibility of this issue through education.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I HELENE SCHNEIDER**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California do hereby recognize April 2015 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

*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 28th day of April 2015.*



  
**HELENE SCHNEIDER**  
Mayor