City of Santa Barbara

PROCLAMATION

First Annual Endowment for Youth Committee
Black History Month Celebration
February 2008

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 First Annual Black History Month Celebration in the City of Santa Barbara, and in doing so, has enhanced awareness and understanding of its citizenry regarding the accomplishments of African-Americans; and,*

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 the month of February 2008, 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 WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California to be affixed this 5th day of February 2008.*

Marty Blum

MARTY BLUM, MAYOR