City of Santa Barbara

PROCLAMATION

Arbor Day
March 7, 2008

WHEREAS, *Arbor Day Observances will be held in California during the week of March 7th, 2008; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Santa Barbara has been designated a "Tree City USA" for 28 years by the National Arbor Day Foundation; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Santa Barbara is proud of its approximately 40,000 public open space, park, and street trees and recognizes the importance of professional tree care and annual tree planting programs that create a more livable community; and*

WHEREAS, *Arbor Day observances will be held at seven (7) local grade school campuses; and*

WHEREAS, *this spring, Santa Barbara is celebrating 106 years of City Parks, providing stewardship of trees, parks, and open space; and*

WHEREAS, *the City acknowledges Santa Barbara Beautiful's significant contribution to our urban forest through the planting of over 11,000 street trees in the past 42 years.*

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 March 7, 2008 as* ***ARBOR DAY*** *in the City of Santa Barbara and recognize the value that trees provide in enhancing the quality of our lives.*

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 4th day of March, 2008.*

Marty Blum

MARTY BLUM, MAYOR