CITY OF SANTA CRUZ
CALIFORNIA

Mayor's Proclamation

WHEREAS SAM FARR HAS FAITHFULLY SERVED IN PUBLIC OFFICE FOR THIRTY YEARS, REPRESENTING THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ SINCE 1993 AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; and

WHEREAS SAM FARR HAS DEDICATED HIS CAREER TO UPHOLDING THE VALUES THAT THE RESIDENTS OF SANTA CRUZ CHAMPION, INCLUDING PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT, FURTHERING SOCIAL JUSTICE, DEFENDING WOMEN'S RIGHTS AT HOME AND ABROAD, AND ESTABLISHING WORLD PEACE; and

WHEREAS SAM FARR WAS ONE OF THE FEW MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO VOTE AGAINST AUTHORIZING PRESIDENT BUSH TO USE FORCE IN IRAQ AND HAS STEADFASTLY SPONSORED LEGISLATION THAT DEMANDS PRESIDENT BUSH PREPARE AN EXIT STRATEGY, AS WELL AS SEEK INTERNATIONAL ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF IRAQ; and

WHEREAS SAM FARR BEGAN HIS PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER AS A PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER IN COLOMBIA, SERVING FOR TWO YEARS AS AN URBAN AND RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT VOLUNTEER, AND CONTINUES TO BE A CONGRESSIONAL LEADER IN PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN COLOMBIA; and

WHEREAS SAM FARR HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY ESTEEMED ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING CALIFORNIA PEACE ACTION, FOR HIS STRONG SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, NONPROLIFERATION, AND HIS CONSISTENT OPPOSITION TO THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S RUSH TO WAR; and

WHEREAS SAM FARR HAS CO-SPONSORED HATE CRIME PREVENTION AND HIV TREATMENT AND PREVENTION LEGISLATION, WHICH WOULD EXPAND BENEFITS, CARE, AND EDUCATION TO ALL OF THOSE IN NEED, AND HAS ALSO CO-SPONSORED FOUR SEPARATE BILLS WHICH WOULD EXTEND SPOUSAL RIGHTS, HEALTH BENEFITS, AND TAX RELIEF FOR DOMESTIC PARTNERS; and

WHEREAS SAM FARR HAS TAKEN A FIRM STANCE AGAINST THE STEADY EROSION OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS, AND AS A MEMBER OF THE PRO-CHOICE CAUCUS HAS TAKEN AN ACTIVE ROLE IN PROTECTING WOMEN'S RIGHTS TO PRIVACY, INFORMATION, AND NONJUDGMENTAL HEALTH CARE; and

WHEREAS SAM FARR WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ESTABLISHING THE MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY, AS WELL AS WRITING LEGISLATION THAT WILL SET THE FRAMEWORK TO PROTECT THE REMAINING OCEANS OF OUR WORLD; and

WHEREAS SAM FARR HAS REPEATEDLY WORKED TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR MAJOR CITY AND REGIONAL INITIATIVES RELATED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, TRANSPORTATION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CYNTHIA MATHEWS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ, DO HEREBY CALL UPON ALL LOCAL CITIZENS TO CONGRATULATE CONGRESSMAN SAM FARR FOR HIS THIRTY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE AND EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND UNFALTERING COMMITMENT TO PROGRESSIVE IDEALS IN EVERY ASPECT OF HIS WORK.

CYNTHIA MATHEWS, MAYOR

Signed and Sealed this 22nd Day of March 2006