

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the California Retired Teachers Association (CRTA) was formed by Laura E. Settle 79 years ago during the Great Depression to relieve the economic hardships suffered by retired teachers; and
- WHEREAS,** CRTA protects the wellbeing and social relations of its members. It maintains a mutual, non-profit, benevolent and protective organization to safeguard public school teachers retirement systems; and
- WHEREAS,** CRTA supports public education, active and future teachers, and provides statewide grants and scholarships of more than \$625,000 per year; and
- WHEREAS,** CRTA identifies and promotes enhancements to the state's educational system, serving as valuable advocates for continued excellence in education; it supports beneficial education legislation and opposes detrimental legislation; and
- WHEREAS,** CRTA programs highlight retired teachers' continued involvement in education and provide good role models for volunteer service in the community. Retired teachers can be found tutoring, participating in Gateway reading and HeadStart programs, serving as hospital and hospice aides, providing transportation for the blind, collecting food and clothing for the needy, caring for children of pregnant teenagers so that they may complete their schooling, and a host of other activities; and
- WHEREAS,** California Retired Teachers Week was initiated by the California Retired Teachers Association to not only spotlight the extensive volunteer work of CRTA members in the community, but also to encourage others to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK SCOTTO, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby proclaim the week of November 6 - 12, 2011 as

CALIFORNIA RETIRED TEACHERS WEEK

in the City of Torrance, and express sincere appreciation to the California Retired Teachers Association for its outstanding and dedicated service to the community. The countless volunteer hours donated by CRTA are invaluable and reflect an organization devoted to the highest ideas of community service.

Signed this 8th day of November 2011.

Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk