

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the City of Torrance recognizes with great pride, Howard Orpe, who volunteered to be a referee for boys and girls soccer from 1971 through 1985 in West Torrance, Region 14 and Area F in an effort to help build The American Youth Soccer Organization (A.Y.S.O.); and
- WHEREAS,** in 1964, A.Y.S.O. began operations with nine teams - four teams in Torrance and five teams in Culver City. In 1971, Howard began refereeing and was assistant Coach to Paul Stierle and "The Magpies". He refereed every Saturday and Sunday. In 1972, Howard was assistant Coach of "The Thunderbirds" (6 to 9 years), coaching his son, Andrew; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1974, Howard was asked to be head girls referee, assigning referees to all the girls' games; and
- WHEREAS,** Howard was also an assistant Coach that year, on the Boys Division 3 (7 to 9 years) team "The Vultures", who ended their season winning Region 14 and going on to win the Area title; and
- WHEREAS,** from 1976 to 1983, Howard coached first his son, Colin, and later his son, Jason, on "The Rowdies" in Division 3. It was a successful team, winning Area F and Section One finalists with both sons; and
- WHEREAS,** from 1977 to 1978, Howard was asked to be Boys Commissioner for Region 14 by then Regional Commissioner Ray Graham; and
- WHEREAS,** from 1979 to 1981, Howard was the A.Y.S.O. Regional Commissioner; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1983, Howard put a team of Region 14 All Stars together to compete in the "A.Y.S.O. "All Comers" game; and
- WHEREAS,** this 2011 season, Howard is still refereeing when needed in Region 14, Boys U8 and enjoying every minute now on the field with his grandson, Sean; and
- WHEREAS,** thanks to its pioneers like Howard Orpe, A.Y.S.O. has more than 50,000 teams, more than 650,000 players, and is supported by more than 250,000 parents across the nation, who passionately dedicate their time and talents as coaches, referees, team parents, administrators, and sponsors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK SCOTTO, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby honor, commend, and express sincere appreciation to

HOWARD ORPE

for his outstanding contributions and dedicated service to the youth of the community. Howard Orpe has made a positive and lasting impact on many lives and serves as an inspiration for all citizens.

Signed this 20th day of December 2011.

Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk

