

# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** July is National Parks and Recreation Month; and
- WHEREAS,** parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, produce habitat for wildlife and contribute to the economic and environmental well-being of our community; and
- WHEREAS,** Parks and Recreation makes lives and communities better now and in the future, residents value recreation as it promotes the arts, it increases social connection, aids in therapy, and promotes lifelong learning; and
- WHEREAS,** our parks and natural recreation areas are fundamental and vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our community, ensuring the health of all residents, and contributing to the area's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and
- WHEREAS,** the Community Services Department provides parks and natural recreation areas to ensure the ecological beauty of the City of Torrance and provide a safe environment for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and
- WHEREAS,** the residents of Torrance are fortunate to have excellent facilities including the Bartlett and Tillim Senior Citizen Centers, the Benstead Plunge, Wilson Park Dee Hardison Sports Center, Madrona Marsh Nature Center and Preserve, Torrance Cultural Arts Center, Torrance Art Museum, and the Torrance Public Libraries.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK SCOTTO,** as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2012 as:

## ***PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH***

in the City of Torrance, and urges all residents to enjoy and recognize the social, physical, mental, economic, environmental and community benefits derived from participation in programs offered by the Torrance Community Services Department.

Signed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2012.

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Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

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Sue Herbers, CMC  
City Clerk