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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the City of Torrance is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city; and
- WHEREAS,** fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are where people are at greatest risk to fire. Nearly 3,000 people die each year as a result of home fires; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Fire Protection Association's 2012 campaign theme, "*Have Two Ways Out!*", is to encourage families across the country to prioritize fire escape planning and practice, to have a home fire escape plan that prepares families to think fast and get out quickly when the smoke alarm sounds. If one exit is blocked by smoke, it is imperative to plan for another escape outlet; and
- WHEREAS,** the Torrance Fire Department provides the public with life-saving information on working smoke alarms and home escape planning. These are essential steps toward increasing the public's safety from home fires. Roughly, two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from home fires in which no working smoke alarms or no fire escape planning and practice were considered; and
- WHEREAS,** the men and women of the Torrance Fire Department are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire deaths and injuries through prevention and proper education; and
- WHEREAS,** Torrance residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal responsibility to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and
- WHEREAS,** the theme of Fire Prevention Week, "*Have Two Ways Out!*" actively works to motivate Torrance residents to implement smoke alarm installation and designation of escape routes at their homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frank Scotto, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby proclaim October 7-13, 2012 as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

in the City of Torrance, and encourage all people of the community to protect their homes and families by heeding the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2012, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the City of Torrance and emergency services.

Signed this 9th day of October 2012.

Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk