

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, substance use disorders are a serious and treatable health problem. As many as 63 percent of Americans say that addiction to alcohol or other drugs has had an impact on them at some point in their lives, whether it was their own personal addiction or that of a friend or family member; and

WHEREAS, assessing our citizens' needs for addiction treatment, and referring them to appropriate treatment and their family members to support services, are crucial first steps in helping people realize that recovery is possible and treatment is effective; and

WHEREAS, barriers to accessing treatment programs that can help heal lives, families, and our community are a significant problem for our neighbors, friends, co-workers, and family members with substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, community members seeking treatment deserve affordable, individualized treatment programs; and

WHEREAS, celebrating individuals in recovery and their families, and saluting the health care providers who helped them obtain treatment educates our community about the benefits of treatment and affirms that such providers deserve adequate compensation for their services; and

WHEREAS, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of the South Bay has helped thousands of individuals and families find recovery from the diseases of alcoholism and other drug addictions for over 30 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK SCOTTO, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2006 as

NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

in the City of Torrance and call upon the community to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "*Join the Voices for Recovery: Build a Stronger, Healthier Community.*"

Signed this 12th day of September 2006.

Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk

