

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, diseases of the heart are the nation's leading cause of death and stroke is the third leading cause of death; and

WHEREAS, every year for the past 21 years, more women than men have died of heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases. Women account for more than 53% of deaths from cardiovascular diseases (CVD), as compared to 47% in men, and about 32,800 more women than men die from a stroke per year; and

WHEREAS, February is designated as American Heart Month; and

WHEREAS, Red is the American Heart Association's color for women and heart disease and symbolizes women's power to take control of their health; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association's *GO RED FOR WOMEN* campaign encourages women, of all ages and background, to learn about heart disease and stroke and take positive action to reduce their risk of both diseases; and

WHEREAS, an increased awareness of the risk factors for heart disease can save thousands of lives each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK SCOTTO, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby proclaim February 2, 2007 as:

GO RED FOR WOMEN DAY

in the City of Torrance, and encourage all citizens in the community to wear *RED* on February 2nd in support of all women – family, friends, and neighbors – who have suffered from heart disease or stroke.

Signed this 23rd day of January 2007.

Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk

