

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-29

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING
FIREFIGHTER TAD M. FRIEDMAN
AS THE RECIPIENT OF A DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

WHEREAS, on the night of September 25, 2006 at 1903 hours, Firefighter Tad Friedman was off duty in the area of Pacific Coast Highway and Anza Avenue where he witnessed a two-car vehicle accident; and

WHEREAS, the two vehicles involved collided in such a spectacular fashion as to cause vehicle #1 to end up facing eastbound in the westbound lanes. Vehicle #2 went airborne and landed on its roof, facing eastbound in the westbound lanes of Pacific Coast Highway. Firefighter Friedman contacted the Torrance Fire Department and requested resources to respond to the scene immediately. He acted quickly, assessed the scene, and determined that there were two victims; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Friedman found the driver of vehicle #2 unconscious and still on his seat in the upside down position. As the victim hung in this position, gravity was pushing his neck against his seatbelt, blocking his airway. Firefighter Friedman located a bystander with a knife, cut the seatbelt releasing its pressure from the victim's neck, which restored his airway. He helped the Torrance Fire Department crew remove the victim from the car and rendered aid. Firefighter Friedman held the victim's head and neck preventing any further injury; and

WHEREAS, the driver of vehicle #1 was conscious and alert, and through Firefighter Friedman's immediate intervention, the victim was successfully removed from the vehicle using the Jaws of Life; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Friedman, as a professional Paramedic, triaged the scene, correctly assessed the situation, and requested the appropriate resources. His quick and instinctive reaction to this situation lead directly to the prevention of further injuries to both victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Torrance does hereby honor and commend Firefighter

TAD M. FRIEDMAN

who demonstrated the distinguishing marks of a Torrance Firefighter: Courage, Commitment, Dedication and Professionalism while protecting the community and the citizens of Torrance.

Introduced, approved and adopted this 10th day of April 2007.

Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

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Sue Herbers, City Clerk