

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** substance use disorders are a serious and treatable health problem. As many as 22.2 million people in the United States have faced a substance use disorder in the past year and all deserve to experience the many benefits of recovery; and
- WHEREAS,** treatment reduces reported job problems, including incomplete work and absenteeism, an average of 75 percent; and
- WHEREAS,** treatment is cost effective, with some measurements showing a benefit-to-cost ratio of up to 7.1 with substance use disorder treatment costing \$1,583 per person on average and having a monetary benefit to society of nearly \$11,487 for each person treated; and
- WHEREAS,** we must recognize the financial savings associated with treatment services and ensure that such services are readily available to those who need assistance; and
- WHEREAS,** cost and insurance present obstacles to those who need access to treatment facilities and want to re-establish their place in the community; and
- WHEREAS,** it is critical that we educate our community members and local businesses that substance use disorders are a treatable, yet serious health care problem, and by taking steps to address it, as well as provide support for the families and children of those with these disorders, we can save both lives and dollars; and
- WHEREAS,** to help achieve this goal, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence/South Bay invite all residents of Torrance to participate in National Alcohol Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK SCOTTO, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2007 as

NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

in the City of Torrance, and urge all citizens in the community to participate in programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "*Join the Voices for Recovery: Saving Lives, Saving Dollars.*"

Signed this 11th day of September 2007.

Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers
City Clerk

