

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Torrance appreciates the importance of education for today's youth and recognizes the Torrance Unified School District as "one of the truly outstanding school districts in the country – a product of quality leadership, superior creativity and remarkable flexibility in creating a wholesome educational environment"; and

WHEREAS, this May marks the second annual program of "*Students and Government Day*" sponsored by the City of Torrance and the School District. Both acknowledge the academic achievements of Torrance students, our excellent municipal system, and the need to expose students to the importance of local government; and

WHEREAS, among 667 eighth grade students who applied through an essay stating how they feel that they can make a difference in our community, 22 were selected to participate in "*Students and Government Day*" on May 6, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the selected students shadowed the Mayor, City Council members, City Treasurer, City Clerk, City Manager and Department Heads to gain an understanding of their roles in the legislative process and in affecting change at the local level; and

WHEREAS, the students' participation in a City Council meeting will help promote civic involvement and develop an appreciation for local government and the process involved in developing programs and activities that meet the needs and concerns of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK SCOTTO, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 6, 2008 as

STUDENTS AND GOVERNMENT DAY

in the City of Torrance, and encourage all students to get involved in their local city government to become more informed citizens and future voters.

Signed this 6th day of May 2008.

Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers
City Clerk