

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-55

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
DECLARING MAY 16 THROUGH MAY 18, 2008 FOR OBSERVANCE OF THE
49TH ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE AND CELEBRATION**

WHEREAS, 2008 marks the 49th consecutive year that the City of Torrance has sponsored the observance of Armed Forces Day; with the celebration beginning with military exhibits at the Del Amo Fashion Center on Friday, May 16, that continue through Sunday, May 18; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, May 17, the 49th Annual Armed Forces Day Celebration will feature the parade which begins at 1:30 p.m. with more than 50 entries from active and reserve military units and civilian bands marching along Torrance Boulevard starting at Crenshaw Boulevard and ending at Madrona Avenue; and

WHEREAS, each year the Armed Forces Day Celebration gives special recognition to one branch of the military service, and this year the City proudly salutes the United States Marine Corps and welcomes as Grand Marshal of the parade Major General Michael R. Lehnert, Commander, Marine Corps Installations West, Camp Pendleton, California whose outstanding United States Marine Corps career spans more than 35 years; and

WHEREAS, this year, the City is also honored to welcome as Celebrity Grand Marshal of the parade, Louis S. Zamperini, who served with the United States Air Corps, competed in the 1936 Berlin Olympics, was a Prisoner of War for two years, and is nicknamed the "Torrance Tornado".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, on behalf of its members and the citizens of the City of Torrance, is honored to have Major General Michael R. Lehnert as Grand Marshal and Louis Zamperini as Celebrity Grand Marshal of the 49th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration and invites the public to attend this special tribute to our military forces.

INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of May 2008.

Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by _____
Ronald T. Pohl, Assistant City Attorney

Sue Herbers, City Clerk

