

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, historic preservation is an effective tool for revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

WHEREAS, the Torrance Historical Society strives to promote the history of Torrance and the South Bay through the operation of a Museum and archives, run solely by volunteers and open to the public free of charge; and

WHEREAS, the Society hosts over a thousand students each year in the Museum as an educational experience, participates in leadership activities for all ages, presents diverse programs and activities in the Museum and provides historic photographs for a variety of local businesses, all focusing on the theme "*This Place Matters!*"; and

WHEREAS, "*This Place Matters!*" is the theme for National Preservation Month 2008, co-sponsored by the Torrance Historical Society & Museum and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

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

NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH

in the City of Torrance, and call upon the people of Torrance to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

Signed this 20th day of May 2008.

Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers, City Clerk

