

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-05**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING
SENIOR FIRE INSPECTOR*****MICHAEL J. FREIGE*****UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY
AFTER TWENTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Michael Freige began his career with the City of Torrance as a Firefighter on July 19, 1976, serving on various engine and truck companies. Firefighter Freige developed excellent fire fighting skills while mastering tools and equipment with confidence and expertise. Mike was an excellent trainer and mentor to new firefighters; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 1980, Mike was assigned as a Fire Inspector in the Fire Prevention Bureau. His continuing education in the building and fire codes formed the basis for his growth in the fire prevention field; and

WHEREAS, Mike's expertise grew and he was promoted to Senior Fire Inspector on October 2, 1983. He assumed the duties as the Department's primary arson investigator and proceeded to become one of Southern California's most respected and tenacious fire investigators. Mike actively led successful investigations and prosecutions on such cases as The Proud Parrot and Rainbow Cleaners. He was active in various board positions of the South Bay Arson Control Team, including President. In 2004, Mike was a recipient of the "Sustained Superiority Award" hosted by the South Bay Police and Fire Medal of Valor Awards Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mike's positive demeanor and extra effort to his responsibilities were counted on for the timely and accurate completion of his assignments. He made special efforts in his assistance to juvenile fire setters knowing that they needed direction and concerned counseling to turn around their lives; and

WHEREAS, a well-rounded employee who always went out of his way to be helpful and friendly, Mike's good nature, sense of humor, and sincere personality made him a valuable member of the Fire Department team. He was focused, insightful, easily motivated, and enthusiastic in the fulfillment of his job responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Mike retired from City employment effective December 29, 2005. He has provided 29 years of dedicated service to the City of Torrance and unselfishly used his expertise for maximum team performance to the benefit of the Fire Department and the citizens of Torrance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Torrance, California, does hereby commend, honor, and congratulate retiring Senior Fire Inspector

MICHAEL J. FREIGE

for his dedication, professionalism, and contributions to the City of Torrance while in our employ; and, be it further resolved, that Mike be wished a full and rewarding life in his retirement years.

INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of January 2006.

Mayor Dan Walker

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by _____
Ronald T. Pohl, Assistant City Attorney

Sue Herbers, City Clerk