

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, treatment and long-term recovery from substance use disorders can offer a renewed outlook on life for those who are addicted as well as for their family members; this healing in turn contributes to the strength and vitality of the community; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorders impact 22.6 million people aged 12 or older in the United States (or 9.2 percent of the population), which is more than the number of people living with coronary heart disease, cancer, or Alzheimer’s disease combined; and

WHEREAS, studies have consistently found that individualized treatment is essential for people to be successful in their road to recovery; and

WHEREAS, real stories of long-term recovery can inspire others to ask for help and improve their own lives, the lives of their families, and the entire community; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that we educate our community members that substance use disorders are treatable, yet serious health care problems, and by treating them like other chronic diseases, we can improve the quality of life for the entire community ; and

WHEREAS, to help achieve this goal, the U.S. Department of Health Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of the South Bay invite all Torrance residents to participate in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month September 2008.

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

NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

in the City of Torrance, and urge all citizens to participate in programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year’s theme, *“Join the Voices for Recovery; Real People, Real Recovery.”*

Signed this 9th day of September 2008.

Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers, City Clerk