

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-13****A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING  
FIREFIGHTER DONALD J. GRIFFIN  
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY  
AFTER TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF SERVICE**

- WHEREAS,** Donald Griffin began his career with the City of Torrance as a Firefighter on February 22, 1982; served as a Paramedic from 1986 to 1997; continued on as a Firefighter-Tiller Operator in 1999; and in 2002, was appointed as Operations Specialist, where he spent many years being part of a Shift Command team, assisting the Battalion Chief/Platoon Commander in the daily discharge of duties; and
- WHEREAS,** Firefighter Griffin was professional during all emergency situations. As a Paramedic, Don performed his skills in a calm, re-assuring manner, often working under stressful and tiring emergency conditions. Don's keen awareness of happenings made the scene safer for all personnel involved; he received numerous commendations from the public.
- WHEREAS,** during his tenure as Operations Specialist, Don had been instrumental in providing knowledge and insight to the position. He was able to provide valuable wisdom and leadership to four Battalion Chief/Platoon Commanders, three of them being newly appointed to the position. During emergencies, Don always kept accurate and tidy records of situational and resource status, kept the Incident Commander informed of changes that occurred during incidents, and monitored radio traffic closely. Don's experience and knowledge were valuable assets at the Command Post; and
- WHEREAS,** during his latter years with TFD, as Operations Specialist, Don's position evolved from a pencil and paper task to one that required use of computer skills and learning the modern, high-tech Telestaff automated payroll system used also for the department's hiring procedures. The automation also involved the implementation of on-board computers on the Fire Department's command vehicles. Don played key roles in the successful evolution and adaptation of the Telestaff payroll system; the program thrives because of his input and knowledge in the position; and
- WHEREAS,** Don is a well-mannered, team oriented person who fit in well with the group. His team spirit and positive demeanor were reflected in the successful completion of many tasks, including serving as a trainer for personnel new to Telestaff; and
- WHEREAS,** Firefighter Griffin retired from the City's employment on December 29, 2008. He provided over 26 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 retired Firefighter

***DONALD J. GRIFFIN***

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

**INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009.

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Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by \_\_\_\_\_  
Ronald T. Pohl, Assistant City Attorney

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Sue Herbers, City Clerk