

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Old Torrance Neighborhood Association (OTNA) was founded in 1981 based upon the belief that all who live within the OTNA boundaries (Dominguez to Sepulveda to Crenshaw to Western) are interested in the vitality, viability and continual sensitive-minded preservation and development of this historic downtown community. This organization was formed with the thought of maintaining a thriving commercial district and a viable neighborhood reflecting the quality of the town envisioned by Jared Sidney Torrance, the Olmsted brothers and Irving Gill – founder, planner and architect of the original city; and

WHEREAS, with the money collected via annual memberships, gifting and sponsorships, OTNA donates the full amount (less minor operating expenses) back into the community. Recipients include – the Armed Forces Day Parade, the Torrance Rose Float Association, Torrance Education Foundation, the South Bay Ballet, Torrance High Sober Grad Night, Operation Teddy Bear, as well as other worthy recipients; and

WHEREAS, OTNA hosts bi-monthly meetings featuring current issues pertaining to the City. Members are kept up-to-date on community safety, policy and financial issues, activities, and events in the City and receive additional information via multiple email notifications between meetings; and

WHEREAS, per Mayor Frank Scotto’s 2006 challenge to “*Pay It Forward*” using volunteers to help make a difference throughout the City, ONTA initiated and has continued a Neighborhood Clean-up Day, every other month; and

WHEREAS, OTNA partners with the City and local organizations to bring family-oriented events to Old Torrance, including “Rock Around the Block” and “Movies & Concerts in the Park”; and

WHEREAS, OTNA members strengthen the Community through their participation in City Commissions, Committees, and various civic organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK SCOTTO, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby commend and express sincere appreciation to the

OLD TORRANCE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

for its outstanding contributions and dedicated service to our community.

Signed this 27th day of February 2009.



Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers, City Clerk