

# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** libraries are part of the American Dream – places for opportunity, education, self-help and lifelong learning; and
- WHEREAS,** our nation's public, academic, school and special libraries provide equity of access to library users no matter their age, income, or socioeconomic background, and play a vital role in providing millions of people with the resources they need to live, learn and work in the 21<sup>st</sup> century; and
- WHEREAS,** libraries are changing and dynamic places and librarians are the ultimate search engine, helping people find what they need when they need it and aggressively building partnerships in the community to expand opportunities; and
- WHEREAS,** libraries are a key player in the national discourse on intellectual freedom, equity of access to information, and narrowing the ‘digital divide’; and
- WHEREAS,** the Torrance Public Library continues to be one of the most personal, creative, positive, and cost-effective services of the City, enriching the lives of Torrance residents; and
- WHEREAS,** the thousands of people who use the library each year are encouraged to speak out for libraries and support funding efforts from organizations such as the Friends of the Torrance Library and the Torrance Public Library Foundation; and
- WHEREAS,** awareness and support must be increased for libraries, librarians, and library workers by raising their visibility in a positive context and by communicating clearly and strongly why libraries are both unique and valuable; and
- WHEREAS,** libraries, librarians, library workers and library supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week with the Campaign for America’s Libraries.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAN WALKER, as Mayor of the City of Torrance,** California, do hereby proclaim the week of April 2 - 8, 2006 as:

## ***NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK***

in the City of Torrance, and encourage all residents to take advantage of the extensive variety of resources and services available at the Torrance Public Library. Participate in one of the library’s many programs and come discover all the ways you can change your world @ your library.

Signed this 28th day of March 2006.

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Mayor Dan Walker

ATTEST:

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Sue Herbers, CMC  
City Clerk

