

# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** on March 31, 2007, in Sydney, Australia, more than 2 million businesses and households turned off their lights for one hour—Earth Hour—sending a powerful message that it is possible to take action on global warming; and
- WHEREAS,** Lights Out America was launched as a complement to Earth Hour; and
- WHEREAS,** last year, Lights Out America partnered with Earth Hour and at 8:00 p.m. on March 29, 2008, Earth Hour went global, as Torrance joined with cities and towns around the world to help turn the tide on global warming; and
- WHEREAS,** this year, Earth Hour is being promoted as a referendum between Earth and Global Warming, with every light turned out a vote for the Earth and a goal of one billion people worldwide casting their votes for Earth by turning out their lights between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. on March 28, 2009; and
- WHEREAS,** Earth Hour is an opportunity for families and friends to get together, enjoy the stars and talk about things that can be done in our everyday lives to help save energy, knowing that they are joining people from around the world in this effort; and
- WHEREAS,** as a “Cool City,” Torrance is committed to finding ways to help save energy and reduce our carbon footprint, helping to leave our children a world that is better than we found it; and
- WHEREAS,** every single light makes a statement and makes a difference.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK SCOTTO, as Mayor of the City of Torrance,** California, do hereby proclaim March 28, 2009, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. as

## ***LIGHTS OUT AMERICA, EARTH HOUR***

in the City of Torrance, and urge all citizens and businesses to join in turning out all nonessential lights between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. to remind us all of the difference we can make in our world by taking small steps to save energy.

Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2009.

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Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

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Sue Herbers, City Clerk

