

P R O C L A M A T I O N

- WHEREAS,** Cancer is predicted to strike two out of every five Americans sometime in our lifetime. An estimated 142,070 new cases of diagnosed cancer were reported in California in 2008; and
- WHEREAS,** approximately 36,600 new cases of cancer occurred in Los Angeles County in 2008, and 13,490 Los Angeles County citizens are expected to lose their battle with cancer this year; and
- WHEREAS,** American Cancer Society is the nation's largest and most respected voluntary health organization since 1913 and has funded research which has helped increase the cancer survival rates from 10% to over 63%; and
- WHEREAS,** American Cancer Society is a voluntary community based coalition of local citizens dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem through financial support and education awareness; and
- WHEREAS,** the **RELAY FOR LIFE** event financially benefits the American Cancer Society's research and support programs, and educationally benefits our local citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** the **American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Torrance**, is a 24-hour event to be held at Charles H. Wilson Park for friends, family, and the community to join in Making a Difference in the battle against cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK SCOTTO, Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 24, and Sunday, April 25, 2009 as

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE OF TORRANCE DAYS

in the City of Torrance, and urge all citizens to recognize and participate in this anti-cancer campaign held in our community.

Signed this 24 day of March 2009.

Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers, City Clerk

