PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, organ, tissue, marrow and blood donation are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need; and

WHEREAS, more than 100,000 individuals nationwide and more than 20,000 in California are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list; every 90 minutes one person dies while waiting due to the shortage of donated organs; and

WHEREAS, the need for donated organs is especially urgent in Hispanic and African American communities; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of giving and decision to donate are not restricted by age or medical condition; and

WHEREAS, millions of lives each year are saved and healed by donors of organs, tissues, marrow and blood; and

WHEREAS, a single individual's donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and small intestine can save up to eight lives; donation of tissue can save and heal the lives of up to 50 others; a single blood donation can help three people in need; and

WHEREAS, California residents can sign up with the Donate Life California Registry when applying for or renewing their driver's licenses or ID cards at the California Department of Vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK SCOTTO, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby proclaim the month of April as

DMV/DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA MONTH

in the City of Torrance, and encourage all Californians to check "YES" when applying for or renewing their driver's license or I.D. card, or by signing up at www.donateLIFEcalifornia.org or www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org .

Signed this 7th day of April 2009.

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Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

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Sue Herbers, City Clerk

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