

# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** of all the promises America offers, none is more precious or more elusive than the right to be free from crime and violence; and
- WHEREAS,** every year, courageous Law Enforcement men and women face increased dangers, risking their lives on a daily basis in order to keep streets and neighborhoods safe; and
- WHEREAS,** each day throughout our city, dedicated Torrance Police Officers work to protect the safety and security of our citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** for their selfless dedication to protecting our safety, Torrance Police Officers are deserving of our heartfelt respect, admiration and gratitude; and
- WHEREAS,** the courage and bravery of these individuals is inarguable, especially in those officers who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty; and
- WHEREAS,** the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week; and
- WHEREAS,** each year during Blue Ribbon Week observances, and specifically on California Peace Officers' Memorial Day, we have an opportunity to thank our outstanding law enforcement officers while paying tribute to the many heroic men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice while undertaking their law enforcement duties.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frank Scotto,** Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby proclaim May 10-16, 2009, as

## ***BLUE RIBBON WEEK***

in the City of Torrance, and further proclaim May 13, 2009, as *California Peace Officers Memorial Day* in Torrance, and encourage all citizens to remember those individuals who gave their lives for our safety and express appreciation to those who continue their important work of making Torrance a safer place in which to live.

Signed this 12<sup>TH</sup> day of May 2009.

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Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

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Sue Herbers, City Clerk

