

# **PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS,** treatment and long-term recovery from substance use disorders can offer a renewed outlook on life for those who are addicted as well as for their family members. This healing in turn contributes to the strength and vitality of the community; and
- WHEREAS,** substance use disorders impact 23.2 million people aged 12 or older in the United States (or 9.4 percent of the population), which is more than the number of people living with coronary heart disease, cancer, or Alzheimer's disease combined; and
- WHEREAS,** studies have consistently found that individualized treatment is essential for people to be successful in their road to recovery; and
- WHEREAS,** real stories of long-term recovery can inspire others to ask for help and improve their own lives, the lives of their families, and the entire community; and
- WHEREAS,** it is critical that we educate our community members that substance use disorders are treatable, yet serious health care problems, and by treating them like other chronic diseases, we can improve the quality of life for the entire community; and
- WHEREAS,** to help achieve this goal, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of the South Bay invite all Torrance residents to participate in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month as it celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> year of observance this September.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK SCOTTO, as Mayor of the City of Torrance,** California, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2009 as

## ***NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH***

in the City of Torrance, and urge all citizens to participate in programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, *"Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Learn, Together We Heal."*

Signed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2009.

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Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

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Sue Herbers  
City Clerk

