

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-79**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING
NORMAN L. REEDER
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY
AFTER THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE**

- WHEREAS,** Norman L. Reeder began his career with the City of Torrance on January 4, 1972 as a Reference Librarian at the Civic Center Library, having come from a four-year stint as a Captain in the United States Air Force; and
- WHEREAS,** Norm provided expert reference and reader advisory service as well as developed and maintained the social sciences collections at the main library. He also acted as the first "Government Documents Librarian," establishing the state and federal document depository collections; and
- WHEREAS,** Norm was promoted to Senior Librarian in charge of the El Retiro Library in 1975, providing efficient and personal neighborhood library services to the residents of the Hollywood Riviera. He was responsible for selection and maintenance of all adult materials for the branch, supervision of staff and the facility, and he became the first librarian to offer adult informational and cultural programming from a branch location; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1980, Norm was appointed Reference Services Supervisor, overseeing reference and reader advisory services and collection development at the City's Main Library. He assisted with the planning for and implementation of the Library's automated catalog and training in its usage, and created a much needed electronic Community Information File and Calendar, which was well used by individuals and agencies, and served as a model information and referral tool for many years; and
- WHEREAS,** Norm was promoted again in January 1987 to the position of Library Services Manager, serving as a Division Head of the Library Department, responsible for supervising both adult public and support services at the now named Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, oversight for all technology planning, and managing the library facility; and
- WHEREAS,** when the Library and Parks and Recreation Departments were consolidated into the Community Services Department, Norm assumed Department-wide responsibilities for automation planning, special projects, and served as a member of the Department's Management Team. He also served on many City teams and task forces such as the Citywide Web Core Group, the Citywide Web Team, the Safety Team, and was Chair of the License Review Board; and
- WHEREAS,** during his tenure, Norm directed the major upgrade and migration of the Library's automated system three times, resulting in much improved access to library materials, and was responsible for the implementation of electronic services such as full-text databases and Internet access at all locations, benefiting patrons beyond the walls of the Library and the geographic boundaries of the City. Norm was also the project manager for the complete renovation of the three levels of the Katy Geissert Civic Center facility, transforming it into a premier library for residents and visitors alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Torrance, California, does hereby commend, honor, and congratulate

NORMAN L. REEDER

for his dedication, professionalism, and contributions to the City of Torrance while in our employ; and, be it further resolved, that Norm be wished a full and rewarding life in his retirement years.

INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of September 2009.

Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by _____
Ronald T. Pohl, Assistant City Attorney

Sue Herbers, City Clerk