

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Torrance is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those residing in and visiting our city; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are where people are at their greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, roughly 3,000 people die each year as a result of home fires and burns; and more than 200,000 individuals are seen in the Nation's emergency rooms for burn injuries; and

WHEREAS, thermal burns outnumber scalds nearly two-to-one; but for children ages five and under, scalds outnumber burns roughly two-to-one; and

WHEREAS, the Torrance Fire Department is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and injuries through prevention, protection, and education; and

WHEREAS, Torrance residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Fire Prevention Week theme is: "**Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned!**" which effectively serves to remind us all of the simple actions we can take to stay safer from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frank Scotto, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby proclaim **October 4-10, 2009** as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

in the City of Torrance, and encourage all people of the community to protect their homes and families by heeding the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2009, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the City of Torrance and emergency services.

Signed this 6th day of October 2009.

Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers, City Clerk

