PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is the "family", striving for a future of opportunity and hope, that reflects our Nation's belief in community, stability, and love; and

WHEREAS, approximately 60 percent of Americans across the Nation have embarked on a genealogical journey to discover who their ancestors were and how various forces shaped their past; and

WHEREAS, the South Bay Cities Genealogical Society was founded in 1977 to further and support the study of family history; and

WHEREAS, at the present time, two-thirds of the Society's 175 members reside in Torrance; and

WHEREAS, the South Bay Cities Genealogical Society provides genealogical education, support, and guidance through their programs, library volunteers and community outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, over 1,000 books and 2,000 periodicals are available to researchers in the genealogical room of the Torrance Katy Geissert Civic Center Library; and

WHEREAS, members have also used the Internet to research their family ancestry; and

WHEREAS, the "family" remains an institution of promise, reliance, and encouragement.

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

FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

in the City of Torrance, and encourage family history research, education, and the sharing of knowledge to renew the commitment to the concept of family and home.

Signed this 6th day of October 2009.

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Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

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Sue Herbers, City Clerk

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