PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Water Replenishment District of Southern California was established by the voters at an election held on November 17, 1959; and

WHEREAS, the election was the culmination of a 17-year effort by groundwater producers in the Central and West Coast Basins to devise a system to manage and finance the restoration of dangerously depleted basins, retard and reverse the intrusion of sea water, institute a program of annual replenishment and to adjudicate and thus protect the rights of groundwater producers; and

WHEREAS, for five decades, the Water Replenishment District of Southern California has operated to fulfill its mission, thus assuring the continued beneficial use of the basins for groundwater production; and

WHEREAS, programs and projects to fulfill its mission have included the pioneering use of recycled water and the expanded capture and use of storm water for replenishment, multiple groundwater contamination cleanup projects in the Central Basin, desalination of brackish water in the West Coast Basin and the supply of water to the seawater barrier wells in both Basins; and

WHEREAS, the programs and projects of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California have resulted in the steady reduction of reliance on the expensive and uncertain supply of imported water and the steady increase in the use of locally-developed supply; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California is to eliminate the use of imported water for replenishment by 2020 by implementing the programs and projects of the Water Independence Now program.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK SCOTTO, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby commend and express sincere appreciation to

WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary of outstanding and dedicated service to the citizens of our community and beyond.

Signed this 20th day of October 2009.

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Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

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Sue Herbers, City Clerk