

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the Torrance Education Foundation was founded almost 19 years ago to provide necessary and otherwise unavailable funding for valuable student programs in the Torrance Unified School District (TUSD); and
- WHEREAS,** the Torrance Education Foundation was founded by parents, teachers, school administrators, members of the Torrance business sector and other community leaders to address the decline in state funding for the Torrance Unified School District; and
- WHEREAS,** the Torrance Education Foundation is viewed as the direct link between the Greater Torrance community and our children’s educational excellence, so much so that an investment in the Torrance Education Foundation can only be considered an investment in the future of our community; and
- WHEREAS,** since its inception, the Torrance Education Foundation has raised almost \$3 million for TUSD programs including student scholarships, teacher grants, an annual middle school leadership conference, freshman orientation programs, science classroom equipment, and academic decathlons; and
- WHEREAS,** the Torrance Education Foundation recently helped to design and fully fund prototype “Classrooms of the 21st Century” in four geographical areas of TUSD and fully funded a state of the art “Career Center” for all TUSD students at Shery High School; and
- WHEREAS,** the Torrance Education Foundation relies on the support of hundreds of Torrance parents, educators, businesses, and community members; and
- WHEREAS,** Torrance Unified School District educators annually receive grants totaling more than \$60,000 from the Torrance Education Foundation to cover a variety of topics such as science exploration, mathematics, social studies, reading, music, and health; and
- WHEREAS,** graduating TUSD students annually receive scholarships of more that \$60,000 each year that the Torrance Education Foundation administers; and
- WHEREAS,** the Torrance Education Foundation created and implemented an enrichment-based summer school program this last summer wherein more than 2,000 Torrance children experienced innovative and exciting educational programs that they otherwise would not have enjoyed; and
- WHEREAS,** the Torrance Education Foundation culminates its annual fundraising campaign with a “Celebrate Education” dinner each Spring, where grant recipients, scholarship winners, community leaders, educators, and business members gather to raise money and celebrate the partnership in education of Torrance.

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

TORRANCE EDUCATION FOUNDATION MONTH

in the City of Torrance, and encourage all citizens and businesses to join the Torrance Education Foundation for the betterment of our students. All schools in the Torrance Unified School District benefit from contributions to the Torrance Education Foundation.

Signed this 17th day of November 2009.

Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers, City Clerk