

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois, USA, the world's first and largest non-profit service organization, is celebrating its 105th Anniversary; and
- WHEREAS,** there are now over 1.2 million Rotary club members composed of professional and business leaders in over 33,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic areas; and
- WHEREAS,** the Rotary motto "*Service Above Self*" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1985, Rotary launched *PolioPlus* and spearheaded efforts with the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF to immunize the children of the world against polio; and
- WHEREAS,** polio cases have dropped by 99 percent since 1988. Thus, the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and
- WHEREAS,** Rotary, through its current campaign entitled *End Polio Now*, is attempting to complete its goal of eradicating the last vestiges of polio in four remaining countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK SCOTTO, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2010 as

ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Torrance, and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing Rotary, as a whole, and in particular, the four local Rotary clubs within our City (the clubs of Torrance, Del Amo, Lomita/Torrance Airport, and South Bay Sunrise/Torrance) in their humanitarian goal of improving the human condition in countries around the world.

Signed this 9th day of March 2010.

Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers, City Clerk

