PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, beginning in 1950 and ending with troop evacuations in 1975, the Vietnam War was the longest conflict in American history; and

WHEREAS, 324,400 Californians served in the Vietnam War, putting their lives on the line for the cause of freedom; and

WHEREAS, during the Vietnam War, more than 18,000 Californians were wounded and 5,822 were killed; and

WHEREAS, although our nation was divided in its support of the Vietnam War, we must pledge to never forget the outstanding strength, service and sacrifice of those who fought to defend democracy, human dignity and the right to self-determination; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2009, Governor Schwarzenegger signed AB 717, which establishes March 30th as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day", and encourages public schools and educational institutions to observe that day and to conduct exercises recognizing the contributions of all those involved in the Vietnam War and remembering the sacrifices they made for their country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK SCOTTO, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby proclaim March 30, 2010 as

WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

in the City of Torrance, and commend those veterans who risked their lives in protecting this country's freedom.

Signed this 23rd day of March 2010.

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Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

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Sue Herbers, City Clerk