

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, July is National Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation profession in California “Creates and Enriches the Community through People, Parks, and Programs;” and

WHEREAS, parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, as well as contribute significantly to the community’s economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, our parks and natural recreation areas are fundamental and vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our community, improving the mental and emotional health of all our residents, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Department provides parks and natural recreation areas to ensure the ecological beauty of the City of Torrance community and provide a safe environment for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Torrance are fortunate to have excellent facilities including the Bartlett and Tillim Senior Citizen Centers, Benstead Plunge, Dee Hardison Sports Center, Madrona Marsh Nature Center, Torrance Cultural Arts Center, Torrance Art Museum, and the Torrance Public Libraries.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

in the City of Torrance, and urges all residents to enjoy and recognize the social, physical, mental, economic, environmental and community benefits derived from participation in programs offered by the Torrance Community Services Department.

Signed this 22nd day of June 2010.

Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers, City Clerk