

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-91**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING*****FRED GRIFFIN*****UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY
AFTER TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE**

- WHEREAS,** J. Frederick Griffin began his career with the City of Torrance in 1981 under contract with the Manpower Division of the Personnel Department to operate the Home Improvement Program, and subsequently accepted a permanent position on September 25, 1988 as Home Improvement Program Instructor; and
- WHEREAS,** Fred has dedicated his career to tirelessly serve low income seniors of Torrance by overseeing crews of youth who provided home repairs such as plumbing, roofing, and installation of grab bars and ramps, thus enabling his "little ole ladies" to remain living in their homes; and
- WHEREAS,** Fred has been committed to teach Torrance at-risk youth the construction trades while instilling work ethics and personal values, and teaching life skills such as budgeting and team work, to better prepare them to become productive members of society; and
- WHEREAS,** under his leadership and mentoring, Fred has gained the respect of his crews and the elderly population he has served. He has touched the lives of many young people having guided them through the job application and testing process, resulting in their securing gainful employment. Because Fred treats his elderly customers with respect and sensitivity, taking care of their emotional needs as well as physical repairs, his personnel file overflows with handwritten letters of gratitude from Torrance seniors; and
- WHEREAS,** Fred is well recognized throughout the City, not just for his unique "hippie" appearance, but for his dedication and belief in what he does and his responsiveness to all City departments who call upon him and his crews for their services. In 1991, Fred received the Dominguez Brand Award for his outstanding service to the community; and
- WHEREAS,** Fred has been actively involved with the YMCA camp programs for most of his life, and has served as Lead Camp Director for the past 14 years. He was recognized by the Torrance YMCA as one of their Outstanding South Bay Volunteers; and, in addition to receiving an individual award for "Service to Youth," the entire Griffin family was honored with the "Family of the Year" award in 1990. A swimming pool currently being constructed at Camp Round Meadow will be named in Fred's honor per the donor's wishes; and
- WHEREAS,** Fred can often be found at local community events proudly displaying his antique car collection. He has participated in the Torrance Employee Car and Motorcycle Show associated with the City Yard Open House since its inception in 2001, and even designed and fabricated the Best of Show trophies for the 2010 awardees. Fred has been instrumental to the Show's success and will continue to be part of the Planning Team after he retires.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Torrance, California, does hereby commend, honor, and congratulate

J. FREDERICK GRIFFIN

for his dedication, professionalism, and contributions to the City of Torrance while in our employ; and, be it further resolved, that Fred and his wife, Linda, be wished a full and rewarding life in their retirement years.

INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of September 2010.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

by _____
Patrick Q. Sullivan, Assistant City Attorney

Sue Herbers, City Clerk