

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the City of Torrance is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city; and
- WHEREAS,** fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are where people are at greatest risk to fire. Nearly 3,000 people die each year as a result of home fires; and
- WHEREAS,** roughly two-thirds of deaths result from home fires where neither smoke alarms nor working smoke alarms were present. Having working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a fire in half. The National Fire Protection Association recommends at least one smoke alarm on every level of the home outside of all sleeping areas and in all bedrooms, including the basement; and
- WHEREAS,** informing the public about the importance of smoke alarm installation and maintenance serves as an essential step toward increasing the public's safety from home fires. The men and women of the Torrance Fire Department are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires, deaths and injuries through prevention and proper education; and
- WHEREAS,** Torrance residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal responsibility to increase their safety from fires, especially in their homes; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2010 Fire Prevention Week theme, "*Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!*" actively works to motivate Torrance residents to implement smoke alarm installation and use in their homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK SCOTTO, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby proclaim the week of October 3 through 9, 2010 as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

in the City of Torrance, and encourage our citizens to protect their homes and families by heeding the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2010 and to support the emergency services and many public safety activities and efforts of the City of Torrance.

Signed this 5th day of October, 2010.

Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers, City Clerk

