

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Arbor Day is celebrated nationally to encourage Americans to maintain and replenish our country's vast forests, orchards, and woodlands; and
- WHEREAS,** in California, observance of Arbor Week begins on the birthday of Luther Burbank, a famed California horticulturalist whose life's labor produced hundreds of plants and trees that have contributed to the natural splendor and food production in our state; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Torrance's celebration of Arbor Week is demonstrated daily in its dedication to improving the appearance and quality of life in our community with the planting of trees; and
- WHEREAS,** trees are valuable and attractive assets that contribute to property values in urban areas, and play an important role in energy conservation through the provision of shade and humidity that affects the consumption of energy used to heat and cool buildings and homes; and
- WHEREAS,** the significant role trees have in sequestering atmospheric carbon and reducing energy consumption is vitally important toward attaining the state's greenhouse gas emission reduction goals, and directly contributes to improving air quality by removing airborne particles; and
- WHEREAS,** trees protect and purify California's limited water resources through surface water runoff reduction, and provide essential habitat for much of California's wildlife, including threatened and endangered species; and
- WHEREAS,** trees enhance the aesthetic quality of life in urban communities, providing natural buffers for noise and ecological recreational resources for California's youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK SCOTTO, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby proclaim March 7 through 14, 2011 of each year as

CALIFORNIA ARBOR WEEK

in the City of Torrance, and urge all citizens to observe and celebrate the week by planting trees for our own benefit and for the benefit of future generations.

Signed this 8th day of March 2011.

Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers, City Clerk